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Homeless "Signers" Stir Both Empathy, Anger

By Carolyn Rice

"All the stuff you hear about $100 a day is a joke. I get $10 if I'm lucky."

Thirty-five-year-old Willie Dixon was talking about the money he collects as a "signer." He is one of a number of local people who call themselves that. Out of steady work, often without a place to stay, they locate themselves in a busy public intersection with a sign that says something like, "Homeless—will work for food or money."

Public streets near grocery stores are a popular place for them. "It makes sense," said Dixon, a dark complected, curly-haired man who was in the median at Rio Road and Highway 1 on a recent Friday afternoon. "People are coming out of the grocery store with food, and they will give you some of it." He had a box with a couple of bananas and a grapefruit in it.

He was one of three "signers" the *Sun* interviewed in an attempt to determine how many there might be in the area. An accurate count was impossible, but one "signer" said he personally knew 40 to 50 homeless on the peninsula who sign.

At the Salvation Army, Glorietta Rowland, director of basic needs, said about 3,000 homeless people live in Monterey County and about 500 of them are on the peninsula. She said she has seen a change in the homeless in recent years. "There are more families," she said. "But the single men are least served."

The Salvation Army, Peninsula Outreach, St. Francis Xavier Church, the Homeless Coalition and the county social services are some local agencies which offer help to the homeless.

Lynette Brewster, a Monterey County social worker, said for the most part signing is a choice people make. "People do what they do. Sometimes I get a little annoyed. I don't feel people go hungry or without shelter in our county.

"There always could be someone who falls through the

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JOINT WINNERS of the Carmel Residents Association Citizen of the Year Award were Francis "Skip" Lloyd, shown above receiving his gift clock from the CRA's Jim Holliday, and Noel Mapstead, shown at the rear with his daughter, Barbara. They were cited for their opposition to the proposed Hatton Canyon Freeway. See the story on page 3. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

To the Council Tuesday

Zoning Ordinance Fight Heating Up

By Isabelle Hall

The toughest fight in Carmel in at least two years heated up Tuesday with Citizens Against Rezoning blaming landlords in a full page newspaper ad for the city's economic woes. A proponent of the controversial zoning ordinance likened it to a declaration of "some kind of class war."

Mayor Ken White, who holds the key vote on the issue, said of the ad, "I think it's a disgrace to air dirty laundry in public. Carmel is struggling to keep our sales tax and motel tax coming to keep the city's economic base going, and this type of ad not only hurts the citizens but it hurts the business community."

Speaking for the Carmel Business Association (CBA), executive director Toni Jepson said contrary to what the ad contends, "Tourism is not down in Carmel. Spending by the tourist is down in Carmel, and that is a direct reflection of California's recessionary economy."

The City Council will decide Tuesday on whether to hold a referendum and let the people decide, or rescind the ordinance it approved Dec. 7 by a 4-1 vote. The betting was for rescission based on White's expected swing vote, although he was keeping his own counsel. Even Councilman Bob Fischer, his friend, said the mayor "won't tell me anything." If the ordinance is defeated, no further legislation can be enacted for one year under state law.

"I'm not accepting the pressure," White said. "I'm sleeping well. I'm not going to play sides. I'm going to do what I think's best for Carmel.

"I'm going to take the ordinance apart piece by piece on Wednesday with some former planning commissioners and compare it to the General Plan and see if we did the right thing," he told the *Sun*. "If I find some problems, I'll go one way. If not, I'll vote for the referendum." He did not say who the commissioners were.

White, who was attacked along with former Mayor Clint Eastwood and former Planning Commission Chair Carla Ramsey by the anti-zoning leaders, was clearly upset at the group's ad. "This council's been working so very hard to bridge the gap between the business and residential community with some degree of success. I'm saddened that we can so easily advertise to prospective visitors our feelings about our town," he said.

Councilwoman Barbara Brooks said she won't make up her mind finally until Tuesday but she is presently planning to vote to rescind the ordinance. White and Brooks joined Councilmen Fischer and Phil

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Sunset Center Redo Embraced At Town Hall

By Isabelle Hall

About 70 people attending a town hall voiced enthusiasm Monday night for proposals to remodel aging Sunset Center although it would cost the city an initial $30,000 for a feasibility study in a time of economic hardship.

The project got a strong boost from the Carmel Business Association (CBA) and the Innkeepers Association whose spokesman said the cultural events Sunset Center provided "have been a bigger part of our business than we gave it credit for. There are more charming communities on the coast than ever, but few that offer cultural events."

Mayor Ken White and Linda Anderson, chair of the Sunset Center Task Force, both described the funding as a loan which would be paid back, presumably from the estimated $3 to $4 million that would be raised from private sources for the actual remodeling. Anderson said another way would be to add a fee to ticket sales to raise the money.

But Hilton Bialek, vice chairman of the group formed to develop plans for giving the community and cultural center a major face lift, cautioned against the idea of calling the money a loan.

"It's a weak position to say that the community went out to raise $30,000 when you're going to get $3 to $4 million back," he said. "For the city to give money seems a reasonable request."

Treating the money as a loan is a "poor strategy," said the former Carmel School Board member. "It will backfire."

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Supporters Gleeful They Can Win

Key Freeway Vote Put Off

By Carolyn Rice

An attempt to put off a showdown vote on the Hatton Canyon Freeway until after a critical California Transportation Commission meeting was rejected Wednesday, cheering supporters who claimed it showed they had the votes to approve the long-delayed project.

"I don't know how else you can take it," said Mo Orrett, an alternate representative from the fifth supervisorial district who supported the Caltrans' backed 1-C modified plan. He was standing in for Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman who was conspicuous by her absence at the jam-packed meeting of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC).

Gregg Albright, Caltrans project coordinator for the proposed 2.8 mile freeway extension on Highway 1 past Carmel, was more cautious in his reading of the vote. "It was a no-decision meeting," he said. "I think TAMC is trying to get all the facts to base their decision on."

But a jubilant freeway supporter, Lois Starnes, a Carmel resident and founder of Citizens for Hatton Canyon, said, "We've got the vote."

What TAMC did with its 9-4 vote was rebuff an effort to delay a vote on the freeway until April after the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meets March 31-April 1. If TAMC has not made a decision on either the freeway or some alternative by that meeting, the county's application for any funding would have to be resubmitted.

The inference was that TAMC would vote on the freeway at the March 24 meeting. Members did agree to hear from the people who came to testify Wednesday but could not due to lack of time. Chairwoman Barbara Shipnuck said public testimony then will be open only to those in attendance Wednesday.

Members also asked to hear at their next meeting from the California

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LETTERS

"I Was Here First!"

Attending the meeting Wednesday night about the proposed center for day workers, I heard two viewpoints: On the one hand, I heard a group of concerned citizens who wanted to help get sanitary facilities and shelter for the men who have been waiting for work outside Kasey's. They felt that our ridiculously wealthy community should try to take care of the people who have done our gardening, painting, cleaning and construction work for generations.

On the other hand I heard from a woman who was fearful of being touched by Mexicans when she had to brush past them in Kasey's doorway. When it was suggested that the community center open its existing restroom facilities, one gentleman commented: "That's ridiculous. Families come here! " (Presumably white families.)

Much concern was expressed about "too many of 'these men' flocking into our community." Illegal immigrants also seem to create resentment among certain of the meeting-goers. It was amusing to me that so many of the participants prefaced their statements by saying: "I've lived here since 1970! or I've been here for 13 years! " As if this gave them more credibility (And of course, it boils down to the same statement that has been made about immigrants in every generation. "Don't let them in! I was here first!" Well my family first arrived with the DeAnza expedition in 1775. Does that give me more say in this matter? (Of course not. If that were the case, the Nason family with their Esselen ancestry would be deciding this issue.) Noting the white hair of some of the most virulent opponents of this project, I couldn't help thinking about the last time that men gathered together on corners looking for work. No doubt during the great depression, these same people were just as determined to clear day workers out of their communities.

The workers at Kasey's cause fewer problems for law enforcement than the students at the local high schools. They are, for the most part, honest, hardworking men with family values that would put many Carmel Valleyites to shame. They are not taking jobs from locals. Where are these imaginary hordes of young Anglo men looking to work hard for low pay? Let's stop being afraid of this part of our community and extend them a little human kindness. Who knows, someday you may need a helping hand.

Looking around the room, I saw people with names like Randazzo, Panetta, Strasser-Kaufman. Yet in that same room you could hear echoes of the arguments from "solid citizens" of the past to keep down the Irish, the Italians, the Filipinos, the Japanese. It's always the same, the latest arrivals get the worst treatment.

Picture this: Illegal immigrants are swarming into California looking for a better life. The locals are alarmed. Some are welcoming. Some try to force the newcomers to 'go back where they came from.' There are clashes and some property damage. The locals consider the immigrants to be low class sorts. But the tide of immigration will not be stopped. Eventually the immigrant population will be the majority. The year is 1846.

Pat McAnaney
Carmel Valley

It's Capital with an "A," Dummy

This has got to stop.

One time and I would be willing to assume that someone hit the wrong key by mistake and the proofreader was asleep at the switch. But two times in the same issue implies either ignorance or the lack of a proofreader who graduated from elementary school.

My reference, of course, is to the article found on page 3 of the Feb. 18 Sun wherein Mr. Vance Baldwin, superintendent of schools, is quoted as saying "We're going to have to address our capitol needs..."

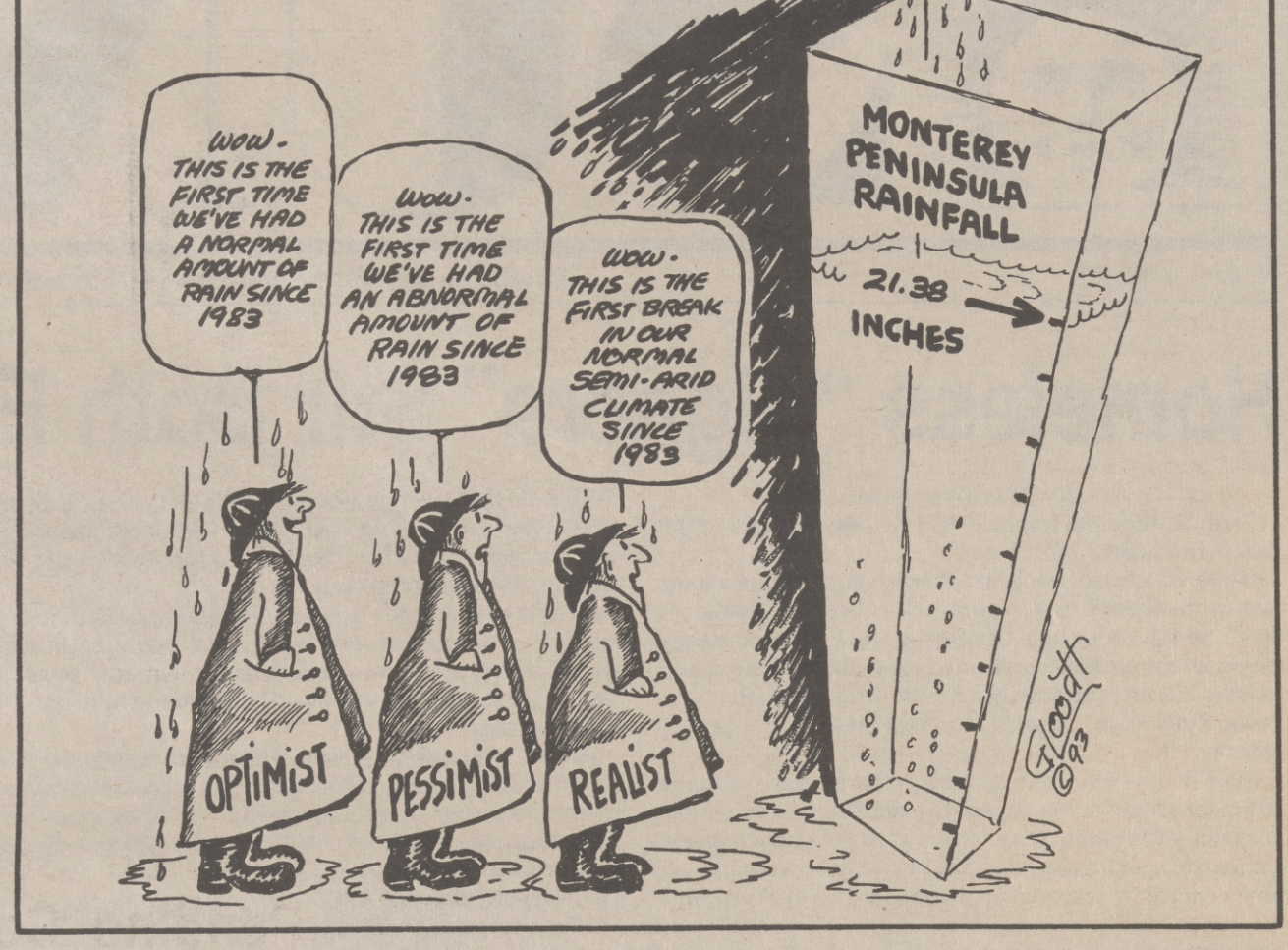
Assuming that Mr. Baldwin didn't hand out a press release with such a grievous error included and it was faithfully repeated, you and even a poorly educated proofreader surely knows that a "capitol" of this spelling only refers to a building and not to any permanent and/or experience outlay of public funds.

My suspicious was roused that all was not proper in your editorial and printing offices when I got to page 15 and the Out and About column wherein you make mention of the fact that you "had lived in Montpelier, the rather dreary little capitol of Vermont..."

Last night, Mr. Clinton addressed the nation from the House of Representatives which is located in the Capitol Building of the United States which is situated on the Mall in the capital city of the United States. And so it is in Vermont. And when Mr. Baldwin proposes major projects of lasting value, the school board is being asked to fund capital expenditures.

While I was working for many years teaching American Government at Carmel High, I always had the task of differentiating the types of capitols/capitals that students might find. But the "o"variety is in short supply with only 51 governmental ones in the Union, but the other type runs rampant as I trust you and your proofreader will remember in the future.

Kenneth Bullock
Carmel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Help Them as Human Beings

After the meeting at the Community Center last Wednesday, I feel I have to put in my two cents worth.

I have frequent occasions to visit Kasey's. There are usually several men around the entrance, waiting for day jobs.

I have never found these men anything but courteous, even amiable. In fact, I would say I find these people from our neighbor to the south to be among the more charming specimens of the human race whom I have encountered.

I do think that as an affluent community we owe it to ourselves, and to them, as human beings, to arrange some sort of place where they can wait for work with at least minimum sanitary facilities, and protection from the weather.

Araby Colton
Carmel Valley

General Plan Review Is Needed

When the citizens of Carmel collected 460 signatures to protest the rezoning of the commercial district, they gave the City Council two options.

The language of the referendum says, "We, the undersigned... request the City Council to reconsider and repeal Ordinance 92-23 or submit the same to the voters at an election called for as prescribed by law."

At any time over the past 2 1/2 years, the council could have put the debated issues into the acceptable process for community change, a General Plan review committee. That would have given both sides an opportunity to debate the pros and cons of the question. Many Carmelites do not understand the potentially damaging ramifications or this complex law and how it dramatically alters the makeup of both the Service Commercial and the Residential Service zones. The fact that proponents of rezoning (Carla Ramsey, Jean Grace, Alan Williams, Glenn and Marion Leidig, Bob Fischer, Clint Eastwood, Phil Coniglio and Mayor Ken White) have done everything possible to avoid the General Plan process makes me all the more certain that it must be rescinded. What Are they afraid of learning about the proposed changes in zoning? That is a question that every Carmel voter should demand to be answered.

I respectfully request that the council unanimously rescind its previous action and refer the issue to a General Plan committee. That is a leadership position that resolves the concerns of many Carmelites. We don't have the option of "trying it out to see if it works." Once passed, we will never be able to go back. The consequences of a poor decision will remain forever.

D. R. Maradei
Carmel-by-the-Sea

Harpooning the Freeway

Our fifth district supervisor, Karin Strasser Kauffman, who for many years and up to a few weeks ago supported the construction of the Hatton Canyon Freeway, is harpooning this $40 million, one-time Monterey County windfall by declaring that there is no longer any chance for clearance by governmental bureaucracies to issue permits to Caltrans and solve our intense traffic problems at Rio, Carmel Valley, Ocean and Carpenter Roads.

By some obscure political reasoning, our supervisor apparently is convinced that her constituency will support her supervisoral status in the upcoming June elections even though she has swept aside her long-held convictions that the Hatton Canyon route is the ultimate answer.

In light of the facts that all remedies have not been exhausted as our supervisor contends, can it be that she is throwing in the towel on the canyon route to counter the political thrusts of a colleague who may ultimately find himself a man without a district?

At this critical period in our 30-year-plus quest for transportation mobility between the Highlands and Carmel, Supervisor Strasser Kauffman, in my opinion, is dead wrong in failing to continue the battle for the cause she has championed for lo' these many years.

For what it's worth, I do not agree with, nor can I support, our supervisor's position shifting in this regard. I cannot agree with any group who would oppose this obviously beneficial highway project, particularly since all options have been examined, all mitigation measures have been assured and the funds cannot be used elsewhere in Monterey County.

Roger D. Williams, Sr.
Carmel Valley

Let the People Vote on the Freeway

The recent declaration of our fifth district supervisor that she would not support the Hatton Canyon Freeway any further because most people do not want it built is not correct.

The only way to settle this permanently, accurately and fairly is by a referendum, which could be on the same ballot as the election for the Board of Supervisors.

A yes vote would allow Caltrans to go ahead with its design. The funding has been allocated and is ready for the project. If the job is not approved, the funding cannot be transferred to other areas within the county, as has been stated, and would not be available again for quite a while.

The negative rhetoric that persists does not improve anything, as the opponents' weekend Mickey Mouse designs so sadly show. The entire operation is reminiscent of the Carmel Hill Gate interchange in the early 1960s.

Jack Cate
Carmel

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Village Splits on Laborer Referral Center Plan

By Stan Hall

Deeply divided, residents argued for two hours whether they should try to establish a job referral center for Hispanic day laborers who gather in Carmel Valley Village awaiting work, but came to no substantial agreement.

Sentiment among the 60 or so people who attended a town hall meeting on the issue at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center Feb. 17 seemed evenly split among enthusiastic supporters of the proposal and those adamantly opposed.

The proposal was put forward by a citizens' group established by former Rep. Leon Panetta of Carmel Valley. It based its recommendation on a successful job referral program in Brea in Orange County which got laborers off the street.

Randy Randazzo, chairman of the citizens' committee, said a second meeting would be held some time in the future to hear from state and federal officials about the legal issues surrounding a placement center. Sylvia Panetta, wife of former Rep. Leon Panetta, offered to arrange it after hearing many residents question whether the center should serve people who were in the country illegally.

Impassioned pleas by both opponents and proponents drew scattered applause at various times during the meeting. Among those attending were about a half dozen Mexican laborers who had been especially invited. They sat in the second row and took it all in.

Proponents argued the center would help both laborers and Village businesses by providing a place with toilet facilities for the men whom all agreed now "defecate and urinate" routinely behind firms on DelFino Place in the absence of toilet facilities, creating a sanitary hazard.

Opponents zeroed in on the question of how many of the men entered the

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AN ESTIMATED 60 CITIZENS turned out for a town hall meeting on a proposal to create and run a community-supported job referral center for the day laborers who congregate in the center of Carmel Valley Village awaiting work each day. Public sentiment seemed about equally divided in favor of and against the plan. A citizens' group which developed it said a second meeting would be held to discuss the legal aspects of serving illegal aliens—one of the major points of contention at the meeting.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Lloyd, Mapstead Named Citizens Of the Year for Anti-Freeway Work

Francis "Skip" Lloyd and Noel Mapstead, opponents of the Hatton Canyon Freeway who were often at odds over how to stop it, were named Citizens of the Year Sunday by the Carmel Residents Association (CRA) for helping to preserve Carmel-by-the-Sea from "the arrogance of Los Angeles-like freeways...and automotive excesses."

"Carmel is not safe if the immediate natural surroundings are torn asunder," said Jim Holliday, chairman of the CRA Selection Committee to honor citizens for the fifth year in a row. He hailed the men as two "leaders who see Carmel threatened by progress...who understand and preach rational alternatives to a massive freeway."

Holliday praised the "thoughtful, temperate leadership" of Lloyd as the man who raised the money to finance efforts "and is unrelenting in (his) cautious, well-mannered, unflagging pursuit of the challenging goal—to save Hatton Canyon from the freeway builders and the power of bureaucrats."

He described Mapstead as a "leader who is more radical, the proverbial single-minded crusader or muckraker who...antagonizes as part of the process of dramatizing the issues, who spurns caution and organizational methods."

Lloyd, an attorney and one of the founders of the CRA, is co-chair of the Hatton Canyon Coalition, and leader of a group put together to sue Caltrans to stop the freeway.

"I'd like to congratulate you on your success in having Noel and I shake hands and make up," he said to Holliday as the two men accepted clocks symbolic of the award.

Mapstead, an often angry spokesman for environmental issues who led weekly tours through the canyon, said, "A lot of times during the last five years, I really haven't known what I've been doing. I took on a battle. If a lot of my behavior is irascible or unpredictable, it's because I had a passion that something was wrong.

"I do have a vision that the way to protect Carmel is to create a boundary of wetlands surrounding the city...that's something to keep fighting for. Pescadero Canyon isn't over either."

Mapstead, who appeared with his daughter, Barbara, a 5 1/2-year-old kindergarten student at River School, said his mother, Ruth, first opposed the freeway in 1953 and the family had been fighting it ever since. He said his dream was to write a play about the Hatton Canyon Freeway fight "where the trees win and everybody else is gone."

"You'd think it was an election year," one man in the audience quipped as Holliday introduced local politicians, some who support building a freeway past Carmel, to give Lloyd and Mapstead plaques in honor of their having received the CRA's recognition.

They included Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman and Fourth District Supervisor Sam Karas, who are expected to be battling each other for a newly created supervisorial seat in the June election; Assemblyman Sam Farr who is running for the 17th congressional seat vacated by Leon Panetta, President Clinton's Budget Director; and a representative for State Sen. Henry Mello.

"Well, that was a rewarding gathering wasn't it," remarked Holliday, tongue in cheek, after the presentations.

A day after the political presentations were made, Mapstead telephoned the *Sun* to say that he had sent the framed resolutions from Farr and Mello's office back. He said he could not in good conscience keep them since he believed both men to be supporters of the freeway which has been debated in the Carmel area for 40 years.

Mapstead said he did not want to accept the Farr and Mello plaques during the meeting, but did so to avoid making a scene. "After thinking about it all night, I decided I couldn't keep them," he said.

Lloyd and Mapstead were the fifth and sixth persons to receive the award which is given to persons who uphold Carmel's Ordinance 96 which states in part that the city is "essentially, primarily and predominantly a residential community."

Others were former Councilman Jim Wright; Joyce Stevens, the co-chair of the Hatton Canyon Coalition; Enid Sales, director of the Carmel Historical Survey who led the move to save the first house built by master builder M.J. Murphy; and the late Jack Billwiller who devoted many years to Harrison Memorial Library.

Council Selects New Administrator Pending Contract Approval, Checks

Meeting all day Saturday behind closed doors, the Carmel City Council voted to hire a new administrator pending security and psychological checks and agreement on a contract, Mayor Ken White said.

The man, whom White said he did not want to identify until the deal was closed, was one of six candidates, all men and all from California, interviewed during the day-long session. He said the man chosen "is from a small city but one that is not like Carmel.

"We are now talking contract language with one of the gentlemen," White said. "At this point we run a security check. That's city policy. We also have a psychological examination. We do that as a matter of course in Carmel. We're working up the contract language."

Asked if the candidate would be paid the $75,000 salary and $25,000 benefit package earned by former Administrator Doug Schmitz, White said, "I hope so. We're trying to keep it at a reasonable figure."

White said all of the candidates came in with "much higher salaries but packages around the state are different." He said some candidates were assistant city administrators and one was in business, but had been in government and wanted to return to it.

"You never know," White said. "They may go back and ask for a raise. He's gone back to talk to his people. I'm not sure he'll accept."

Councilman Bob Fischer praised headhunter Bob Murry for coming up with "some real topnotch candidates." He said they discovered that Schmitz was probably the lowest paid administrator on the peninsula and perhaps in the county and, "I think we're going to have to put out a little more."

Councilman Phil Coniglio said the man chosen was not his first choice although he was on his list of top three, and "pretty much all the candidates were outstanding."

Both Coniglio and Councilwoman Barbara Brooks said the mayor told them not to talk about the selection. The council held a cocktail party at the Cypress Inn for the six candidates, then returned to their deliberations and made a final decision. Coniglio did not take part in the final talks because he said he had to go to his restaurant manager's job.

"I'm feeling very pleased," Brooks said. "I feel very good about it," said Councilwoman Barbara Livingston. "There were six marvelous candidates. It was unanimous. All of us felt he would really do a good job. I'm really high on him."

The council voted in October to pay up to $16,000 to a professional search firm from Sacramento to find a replacement for Schmitz when Acting Administrator Greg D'Ambrosio said he did not want the job.

Murray said when the search began, "The cost of living in Carmel, that's our biggest worry."

But Fischer said it did not appear that the city would have to help with housing costs. A new administrator would be in charge of a staff of about 95 following the city's first layoffs last year. He also would be stepping into the midst of another round of difficult budget talks during the economic turndown.

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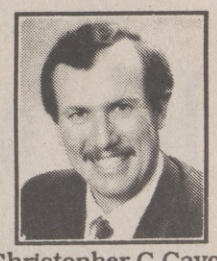

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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL. A Pebble Beach woman reported some 20 juveniles smoke marijuana every morning between 7:30 and 8 a.m. just north of Carmel High School. Deputies made no comment in their report on her claim. 2/16.

CACHAGUA. A woman who lives on Tassajara road reported someone maliciously cut the cable on the gate on the driveway to her home. 2/16.

VILLAGE. A woman reported someone entered her apartment and took small items. 2/16.

Home Burglarized

HIDDEN HILLS. A man reported his home in Hidden Hills was burglarized of items valued at about $500. 2/16.

LAURELES GRADE. A woman who lives on Los Laureles Grade said she suffered about a $500 loss in a burglary of her home. 2/16.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Carmel Valley Road told deputies her dog was barking at something in a play house at the back of her home; it turned out to be an opossum. 2/16.

VALLEY. A security man at Pacific Meadows reported a man was going from door to door in the retirement complex asking for money. 2/16.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on El Camino Estrada reported that a Mexican statue, stolen eight months ago, was found in a neighbor's yard on Los Arboles. 2/17.

Yard Plants Taken

CARMEL. A man who lives on Ocean Avenue reported eight plants were taken from his front yard by someone who also "damaged a rock" there. 2/17.

CACHAGUA. A woman said someone dropped a large river rock on the trunk lid of her Honda and broke out the rear tail lights while it was parked at her home on Cachagua Road during the night. She estimated damage at $800. 2/17.

SOUTH COAST. A tourist from Pinehurst, N. C. said her wallet/check book was stolen while she was at Esalen Institute between 2/9 and 2/10. Lost were $700 cash, credit cards and a Swiss Army knife, she said. 2/18.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS. A woman who lives on San Remo complained a salesman in San Jose from whom she purchased a car was making annoying telephone calls. 2/18.

CARMEL. A man reported the theft of a bag and a butterfly book from his unlocked car while it was parked near his South Carmel Hills Drive home. 2/18.

EAST VALLEY. A Cachagua man said he was shot at by someone in a 1971 Chevy Blazer as he drove past Rana Creek Ranch. The Blazer later was found abandoned in the Village and was towed. 2/18.

SOUTH COAST. A Gorda man reported being battered by a neighbor over a property dispute. 2/19.

Parking Altercation

VILLAGE. A man and a woman who both live in an apartment complex on Carmel Valley Road got into an altercation over a parking space, deputies reported, and minor injuries occurred. 2/19.

VALLEY. A woman who lives on Meadows Place reported her ex-boyfriend tried to strangle her. 2/19.

SOUTH COAST. The CHP reported a vehicle over the side of Highway 1 one-half mile south of Rocky Creek. The Sheriff's Rescue Team was dispatched, but found no one either inside the vehicle or thrown clear. The 1990 blue Ford Aerostar van subsequently was found to have been stolen from Union City, Calif. 2/20.

VILLAGE. Responding to a report of a burglary in progress, a deputy found a man trying to get into an apartment on Carmel Valley Road from which he had been evicted a week earlier. 2/20.

Suicide Threatened

VALLEY. The Community Hospital Crisis Center reported a man who lives on Via Mar Monte was threatening to shoot himself. After a deputy contacted his father and sister, he agreed to seek help from the hospital. 2/20.

CARMEL. A tourist from Kalamazoo, Mich., was arrested for drunken driving after backing his car into potted plants at Mission Ranch. 2/20.

VILLAGE. A wooden sign at White Oak Condominiums was found knocked down and vandalized. 2/20.

VILLAGE. A man on West Garzas reported finding a green Coleman canoe "wrapped around a tree" in the river behind his house. 2/21.

Weatherman to Speak To Northeast Neighbors

Barry Brown, weatherman on KCBA's Fox channel 3 in Salinas, will speak at the Northeast Carmel Neighbors Association meeting at 5 p.m. Monday at Vista Lobos Park in Carmel.

President Noel Van Bibber said everyone is invited to hear Brown talk about his job, changes in the future of forecasting and what the new Weather Service station in Monterey will mean to the area.

CVCYC Schedules Pool Cleanup

The Carmel Valley Community Youth Center said it will hold a work day at the community swimming pool Saturday to get it ready for its opening on April 3. Work will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until done, organizers said.

The Youth Center also announced the addition of two new classes to its schedule: An adult Spanish class taught by Margarita Olmida of the Monterey Institute for International Studies will begin Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Stephen Cade of Carmel Valley will offer a Yoga class beginning Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Both classes will run two hours and be held in the Community Center building.

TRAFFIC WAS DELAYED briefly on Carmel Valley Road as county crews cleared away another small landslide spawned by a week of rainy weather. As much as 5 inches of additional rain fell in the upper Carmel River watershed. See page 10 for a story on the weather. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

Delay in Turning on Controversial Stoplight "Not Political"—Gromko

With the controversy over the Hatton Canyon Freeway heading toward a possible showdown, Public Works Director Gerald Gromko insisted political considerations were not delaying use of a controversial stoplight at Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1.

"The primary reason it's running behind is the weather," Gromko told the *Sun* when asked if politics were a reason for the delay in turning the light on. It originally was supposed to be operative by last fall. "It's not political," he said.

He said Caltrans was holding up use of the light until white, "hold bars" could be painted on the roadway leading to the light. "Once those are painted, we'll turn on the light. Caltrans will not turn the light on until are the stripes are in place."

"Basically, Caltrans controls the project implementation, and the last word we got from them was that it could be Wednesday weather permitting," Gromko said Monday. He said all the synchronization with other stoplights in the area has been achieved and the lights are ready to be turned on. "They have tested it. Everything is in readiness."

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) was preparing to take what could be a critical vote on the freeway—or an alternative to it. There were reports of some behind-the-scenes maneuvering to get the vote delayed, and at the same time, some critics of the light questioned if its use would be delayed until after the TAMC vote.

The stoplight, which will be synchronized with existing lights at Ocean Avenue, Rio Road and Carmel Rancho Boulevard, was negotiated by Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman although Caltrans was less than enthusiastic about it.

Both opponents and proponents of the long stalled freeway have attacked the light, claiming that it will either make the case for the freeway or show that the freeway is not necessary to relieve congestion on Highway 1 up Carmel Hill.

Critics from both sides of the freeway issue have complained that the use of the stoplight might intensify congestion in the area where local motorists now politely takes turns in what Gromko has called a "you go, I go" shuffle. But he has insisted that the light will help the situation by eliminating the hesitation that now marks movement through the busy intersection.

Carmel Police Survey Services

The Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Force wants to know which of its services are valued by residents.

A survey distributed last week asks people to state if they find a list of 13 services valuable or not. The information will be used by the department and distributed to the Union Institute, a college attended by Sgt. Pete Poitras which requires the data to satisfy a research course requirement.

The services listed were:

1. D.A.R.E: Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Students at Junipero Serra School are given the information and verbal skills necessary to resist involvement with illegal drugs.
2. Seniors Helping Seniors: Senior volunteers make daily telephone contact with homebound seniors or "at risk" residents.
3. Neighborhood Watch: A national program supported with neighborhood security meetings and information on burglary and theft prevention.
4. Security Inspections: Officers will conduct home or business inspections by appointment.
5. Ride-Along: Adults are invited to ride along with patrol officers to see how the department operates.
6. AT&T Language Line: A service that gives the police the opportunity to communicate with virtually anyone regardless of language spoken.
7. Annual Inspection and Open House: An annual event when awards of appreciation are presented to citizens and employees.
8. Public Speakers Service: Officers talk on a variety of subjects from theft prevention to earthquake preparedness.
9. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement: Officers mark and tow vehicles left abandoned on city streets.
10. Parking Permits: Residential parking permits and business or special purpose parking permits.
11. Child Safety Seats: Vehicle child safety seats are kept at the department and loaned to anyone in need.
12. Animal Control: Pick up of strays or dead animals, help in locating lost pets and assistance in marine life rescue.
13. Housewatch: Homes of persons on vacation or that are otherwise unoccupied are checked daily.

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Zoning Goes to a Vote Tuesday

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Coniglio last year when it was passed, with Councilwoman Barbara Livingston the only dissenter.

"I think we need a cooling off period," Livingston said. "I always thought the General Plan process should be used." She said she hoped the ordinance would be rescinded, and that the mayor would appoint a General Plan Review Committee.

"The ad kind of took me by surprise because I know how much it cost," Fischer said. "They're starting off their campaign with a bang with the bucks. My position hasn't changed. I think there will probably be an attempt to rescind what we had already passed."

White also planned to be at City Hall from 10 to 12 p.m. Saturday "with the door open reading the paper," he said. "I'll sit there and if anybody wants to come down and talk about that or anything else, I'll listen. If nobody comes, I'll get a lot of reading done."

A headline asking "Are Carmel Landlords Killing the Goose that Lays the Gold Egg?" topped the opponents' full-page ad in the *Herald* Tuesday that cost about $1,900. The ad, which charged that landlords were the "common foe" of owners and residents, sought contributions of time and money for the fight. It said tourism was booming in California but down in Carmel, reprinting comments from travel writers who described the city as an "expensive shopping mall." It said "greedy landlords" were the common problem of business owners and residents alike.

Steering Committee members of the group were listed as Howard Brunn, Gordon Campbell, Albert Eisner, Roger Fremier, Patrick Gallagher, Dr. Ben Heller, David Maradei, Jane Mayer, Peggy Purchase, Charlotte Townsend, Ann Woolworth and Jim Wright.

Alan Williams, a member of the pro-zoning forces, commented. "Personally, I find it ironic that their major concern is what visitors think of us when they're an anti-visitor group. It is interesting that they consider the zoning change so detrimental when three of this group are the ones who rezoned the Carmel Plaza in 1984 to Central Commercial. Their position today doesn't seem to be consistent with their actions of the past."

Williams said he thought it interesting that the group "also would like to declare some kind of a class war amongst those people who have chosen to invest in the commercial district and those people who chose to invest in the residential district and rent their houses out for income.

"We should be one town of common interest in terms of preserving what we are, not a town full of divisive groups who would intimidate by fear. I have an inherent faith in the people of this town, and I would hope that the city council would allow the people to vote on this very serious issue."

Almost immediately after the council approved the ordinance, opponents began door-to-door canvassing, gathering 460 signatures, enough to force the council to vote either for a referendum or rescission.

One aspect not made clear until just recently was that if the council votes to rescind the ordinance or if it is overturned by the voters, the zoning issue covered cannot be readdressed in a new ordinance for one year.

The state elections code states: "In cities, a municipal ordinance repealed by referendum cannot be enacted again by the council for a period of one year after the date of its repeal by council or disapproval by the voters." The code says this also applies to "any other measure similar in its essential features" to the defeated ordinance.

Although there are many parts to the ordinance, attention was focused on a section which would extend the boundary of the Central Commercial (CC) zone south to Seventh Avenue to take in about 17 commercial properties.

The Planning Commission held two-and-a-half years of hearings and study sessions, all in public, before approving the ordinance. The previous council approved the extension of the CC zone in February, 1991, and sent it back for more hearings. The council held two hearings last fall and took two votes of approval on the ordinance.

Despite all the previous chances for debate, the ordinance has caused the most dissension in town since the fight over floor area ratio (FAR) in 1990. That argument went to a vote and proponents beat back a bid to limit houses on 4,000 square foot lots to 1,600 square feet.

Former Planning Commission Vice Chairman Stephen Poohar commented, "I don't know that the facts have changed since the council adopted the ordinance last fall. I trust that it's hard for the general public to believe that the council would want to reverse its prior judgment based upon a referendum supported by only 10 percent of the registered voters of Carmel-by-the-Sea. One wonders what the pro-referendum group has in store for the town next".

Brooks predicted that opponents of the zoning measure would win if there was a referendum. "I believe it would be overturned," she said.

Asked if she thought the issue had been as divisive as the floor area ratio fight, Brooks said, "What I believe is that while we worked on it, the issue was commercial zoning but, if it goes to a vote, the ordinance will get lost, and it (the issue) will become whether or not the character of the town is preserved."

Even Coniglio, who said he would vote to put the measure to a referendum in the June 8 election, said, "It's such a complex ordinance, and it has a lot more than just the zoning. It's too bad we didn't think it through and just pass on that. To explain it to the public is just going to be impossible, but I'm still going to stick by my guns.

"I think it will be rescinded," he said. "Then we go back to day one. Hopefully we can put something back on the table." Coniglio was a member of the Planning Commission and attended all the hearings on zoning before being elected last April with the greatest number of votes cast in the 1992 council election.

White was clearly the target Sunday when the Carmel Residents Association (CRA)—whose board of directors has avoided taking any position until after the council acts—met to hand out its 1992 Citizen of the Year award.

Almost as if he were addressing rumors in town that the next step of the anti-zoning forces would be to condense the commercial area to just Ocean Avenue, Jim Holliday, chairman of the selection committee, said:

"There is no thought of diminishing the size and importance and vitality of our prescribed three zones of commercial activity from which our town derives so much of its economic strength and much of its regional attraction.

"We do argue that the concept, more important the reality, of Carmel as a residential community deserves support and enforcement because that residential quality...is why Carmel has survived as a place of genuine appeal and natural beauty in sharp contrast to so many other towns such as Laguna Beach and Oceanside, La Jolla and Sausalito..."

Holliday said he wished that Carmel poet Robinson Jeffers could be there "to sound forth a stern encouragement to the members of the City Council so that they might be strengthened in their often anguishing efforts to decide what is right...decisions made under political pressures and economic arguments."

Speaking for the CBA, Jepson said, "I think people have to decide what they want. You can't have it both ways. Either you want a healthy tourist base to support the quality of life, or you want to pay for it yourself."

As to the ad by the anti-zoning group, she said one of the CBA board members called it "incoherent. It doesn't really tell us what the goals of this committee are. I think there are plenty of spaces available in

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Up to $250 Fines

Skateboarding Ordinance Okayed

Skateboarders, roller skaters and roller bladers who practice their sport in county shopping centers could face $250 fines if they are cited for skating in posted areas. A first violation will be punishable by a $50 fine and multiple offenses by up to $250.

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday passed an ordinance 4-0 which would allow shopping centers and private property owners to post signs prohibiting these activities. Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman was absent.

County Counsel Douglas Holland said violators of the ordinance could face a fine of up to $150 for a first violation and increased fines for multiple infractions.

Two Prunedale skateboarders who spoke at the hearing called the sport a healthy outlet and asked for a place to pursue it. One skater, Danny Smith, said although he was mainly involved in backyard skating on ramps, "I would like to make skateboarding so it's not a crime."

Supervisor Judy Pennycook brought the ordinance before the board after complaints about skaters at Prunedale Shopping Center, she said. For the past seven months she has worked on the concept of a park where youngsters can skate and will continue to work on it.

Supervisor Barbara Shipnuck said, "I think this is overkill." She said it would ask more from the sheriff's department which is being asked to cut back its budget. The sheriff's department won't be able to enforce it, she said.

Shipnuck also objected to taking things away from children and not providing alternatives. "The kids are always being promised something in the future, and then it doesn't happen," she said.

Shipnuck also noted the definition of skateboard included roller skates, roller blades, coaster and toy vehicles. "I'm not about to ban tricycles."

Before adopting the ordinance, the supervisors removed coaster and toy vehicles from the definition.

Brian Finegan, an attorney for the shopping center, said the ordinance should certainly not be perceived as a condemnation of skateboarders. But he said the shopping center is not a place for it be carried on, and that people on foot are taken by surprise.

Gary Moreria, Crossroads Shopping Center manager, said the problem has lessened in recent years as the skateboard craze has cooled. The problem increases when children are out of school in the summertime, he said.

"I have asked them to leave many times," he said. When skaters jump up on the sidewalks or zip by, "It just scares the daylights out of the elderly people." He said the bulk of skaters are nine to 12 years of age but they range up to 14 and 15-year-old boys.

The Crossroads will be posting new signs following passage of the ordinance, he said. but added he didn't look at the new ordinance as something to use to "hunt the kids down and call the sheriff. But it will help us with kids who will not listen."

Liability is a factor, too, he said, adding his insurance company would not cover any center approval of skating. "It's too bad for the kids. I know what the kids are up against."

He told the *Sun* the City of Benicia used half a parking lot at a city park to erect a skate park with jumps, ramps and walls. It is used by 30 to 40 skaters a day, he said.

The city of Carmel does not allow skateboarding in its business district, on Ocean Avenue or Scenic. It is allowed on residential streets as long as the skater is not a traffic hazard, a police spokesman said, adding there aren't as many skaters as a few years ago.

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30 Years in the Writing

Author Says His Gold Rush Book Shaped His Life

By Isabelle Hall

If ever a man was driven by a book, it is Jim Holliday.

If it weren't for his book, "The World Rushed In," Holliday might have been a steel tycoon, he says, instead of a writer, teacher and historian.

If it weren't for the book, he probably wouldn't have gotten a Ph.d.

If it weren't for the book, he wouldn't have come to Carmel.

He wouldn't have met his artist wife, Belinda Vidor. And, he wouldn't have been interviewed by Ken Burns, creator of the highly acclaimed Civil War documentary for public television.

The book about the gold rush that shaped California's history led Burns to Holliday for what turned out to be a lengthy interview for Burns' latest project, The American West, a 10-hour television series on the evolution of the west scheduled to be released in 1995.

First published in 1981, Holliday's book just went into its seventh printing in paperback, a timely release as California prepares to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the gold rush in 1949 and its entrance to the union in 1850.

"California needs to have a sense of itself," Holliday said in a luncheon interview. "Our mind is all screwed up. Most people are appallingly ignorant of cause and effect, of the chronology of events. The gold rush gave California this dramatic birth. The whole world came to California."

In his view the "jackpot mentality of get rich quick" stemming from the gold rush is what makes the state so unlike the Midwest where there is a moral tone of "you reap what you sow."

"The gold rush created a psychology unlike that of an agriculture state," he said. Prior to the railroads, there was already an internal population that supported the agriculture of California. In 1852, California had a census which found 270,000 people in the state.

Burns' researchers read hundreds of books before deciding to interview Holliday. "Among them was mine. They liked it. They sent a crew out here to talk about the gold rush, a seminal event. The west created a sense in the country that 'If you don't like it where you are, you can go west.' So that's what they wanted to talk about. We talked for about three and a half hours in an evolutionary way, tying things together."

The tall, 69-year-old writer also was interviewed on videotape for another television show on the west narrated by

JIM HOLLIDAY

Kenny Rogers. "I am in it 30 seconds maximum," he laughed, uncertain how much of him will appear in the Burns series although he received a letter of thanks, saying the interview was the best they had done thus far.

"I'm too eager," he said. "I wanted to be like Shelby Foote (a major figure in the Civil War series who speaks in measured tones), but I lapsed into my old self, talking too fast. It works in the classroom but television is a wholly different environment. My life has been spent in the classroom. I'm out selling all the time."

Holliday's story of writing his book, and how he feels it has been the key factor in his life is as fascinating as the book itself.

"My life has been totally shaped by this book," he said. Born in Indianapolis, he grew up there and in Chicago, spent three years in the Navy, and earned a B.A. from Yale with every intention of going back to the family steel business.

But, he met a book dealer, Edward Eberstadt, in New York City, whom he said was 'the premier pied piper of Western Americana" who talked rich collectors into buying books and art objects of the West rather than investing in traditional European items.

"He had a gold rush diary and was starting to put it into a book," Holliday recalled, his eyes sparkling at the memory. "Edward Eberstadt was 70 when I met him. We were great pals. He had an apartment on Riverside Drive, and when I stayed with him, he'd sit up waiting for me at night. When I got home we'd talk and talk.

"One day he said to me, 'I want you to do me a favor. Finish this book for me. It was 1948. I was 24 years old. I said, 'Okay, I will.'"

It was the 100-year-old handwritten diary of William Swain of Youngstown, N.Y., who traveled to California, staked a claim at Fort Sutter's on the American River, and returned home to his wife, Sabrina, "the California widow."

In the summer of 1949, Holliday said he took what he thought was a daring step for help with the book and telephoned "the greatest historian in America, Prof. Bernard DeVoto" at Harvard. "He was an absolute curmudgeon but I didn't know it at the time."

DeVoto took a liking to Holliday and wrote his publisher, Houghton Mifflin, urging the firm to support the book the young man was working on.

"And, just like that I had a contract with Houghton Mifflin. I got a $500 advance. It totally, completely changed my life," he said. "Without that I'd be a steel tycoon in Chicago."

Buoyed by the advance, Holliday expanded his work for another year until, "My old man called me up and said, 'You're supposed to be working here.'" Called back to the family business, he then spent three years as a daily laborer at the steel plant in Hammond, Ind., and a plant in Chicago. When a steel strike occurred in 1952 and the company, which was not unionized, sold all its steel, Holliday said, "I told my old man, 'I'm going to go to graduate school.' I wouldn't have done that if I hadn't had a contract with Houghton Mifflin."

He said he went to the University of California, Berkeley and got a Ph.d. He became assistant director of the Bancroft Library while he continued with the book, was an associate professor of history at San Francisco State University for six years and executive director of the Oakland Museum in 1967, he said. He served as executive director of the State Historical Society for 10 years before moving to Carmel.

Meanwhile, he said so much time passed that , "My editors died waiting for my book. I kept writing them that I was going to add something." In 1965, he said he got a $2,500 advance from Simon and Schuster to continue with the project. He said he used the metaphor of war because people went to the gold rush "like they were going to war and they came home changed."

When he realized those drawn to the gold rush all came home through Panama, he added a chapter on Panama. He said they took what was "really the first transcontinental railroad" from the Atlantic to the Pacific across the Isthmus of Panama after the railroad was finished in 1855. "Four hundred and fifty thousand people took the railroad to Chagres (on the Atlantic Ocean)," he said.

Interestingly, Holliday said one account reported that of the 32,125 people who left San Francisco in 1855, only four of them were women. "Very few women came here, they stayed home just as in a war, and those who did come stayed. It was a great place for women."

Instead of just a recounting of one man's diary, the book tells the story of the gold rush through the eyes of other diaries and Holliday's research and gives the extra perspective of what was happening on the home front through letters he acquired from Swain's daughter, Sara, 88, a retired schoolteacher whom he visited in Youngstown. She eventually turned over a great store of personal documents which Holliday said, "opened a new dimension in the gold rush story—the back-home drama of thousands of families waiting and worrying, like families in wartime."

When the book was finally completed and published in October of 1981, Simon and Schuster sent Holliday on a 17-city tour to promote it. He gave a lecture in Monterey and was invited to speak at a Carmel bookstore.

"I was signing books and feeling important. and this blonde walked in," he smiled. "It was Belinda Vidor. I was smitten by her. She was so marvelous."

Although they had dinner that night, which Holliday remembers was March 25, 1982, he said it wasn't until July 19 that he called her again and asked for another dinner date. They courted until June 1983 when they were married.

"It was only because of my book," he said. Vidor, an oil painter, is on the board of directors of the Carmel Art Association. A former president of the Carmel Residents Association (CRA), Holliday and his wife now split their time between their Carmel home and a new house they are building on an 80-acre parcel south of Yosemite.

Preferring to talk about history than himself, he emphasized the importance of the state's sesquicentennial celebration.

"It's going to be a major event," he enthused, with individual celebrations at five state parks, Columbia, Coloma where the gold was first discovered, the Malakoff Diggings, Eureka Mine and Sutter's Fort.

"We don't have anything here like Williamsburg, Va.,' Holliday said, but the celebration would cause the state to begin to "refocus its attention on its dramatic beginnings."

GOLDSEEKERS returning to their homes in the East from California in 1850 and 1851 all traveled via the Isthmus of Panama, as shown in the map above. It is from Jim Holliday's book, "The World Rushed In."

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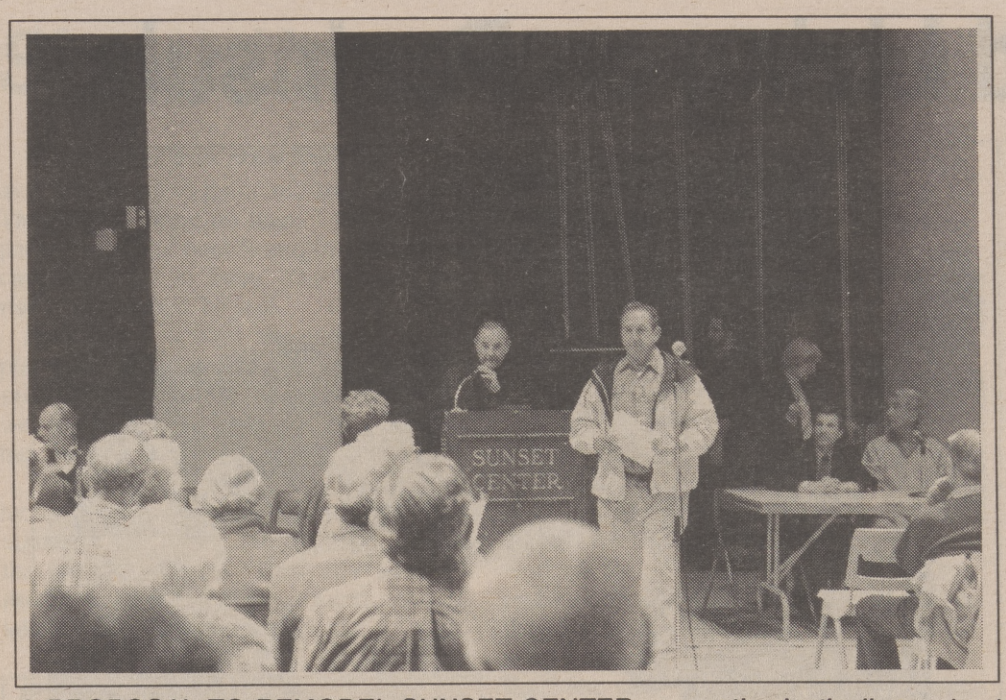

A PROPOSAL TO REMODEL SUNSET CENTER was enthusiastically received Monday night when Mayor Ken White conducted a Town Hall meeting on the stage of the aging theater. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Sunset Remodel Plans Get Support at Town Hall

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The loan idea was proposed as a way to counter arguments that the city's budget position was too weak to contemplate any kind of expenditure on a new project no matter how badly it was needed.

"Donors and professional fund raisers have told us unequivocally that we won't get a cent if the city won't fund the initial study," Anderson said.

Noting that the city owns the center, Ted Fehring said, "I'm at a loss to consider how this could be a loan. You're borrowing it from yourself. By whom is it guaranteed?"

"We've constructed a new public works department, a new police department on top of it, a new library and renovated City Hall into almost a new building," White told the people who sat on the theater stage. "Now it's Sunset Center's turn."

Remodeling the building—the city's school until 1964—would have "many economic pluses that extend to the business district," White said. "Economically it makes sense to ensure we can improve our economic base for cultural events. Culture founded the city. It's still part of the city. If we allow it to go away, we've lost our way."

A vote on spending $30,000 for the study was not expected to come to the City Council until April, likely in the form of a resolution pending action on the 1993-94 budget. The city laid off employees last year to balance the 1992-93 budget for the first time in its 76-year history.

Cultural Director Brian Donoghue told questioners that probably the earliest the project could start would be in 1995. He said, "Scheduling of 1995 gets to be a problem by April of this year. You really need to nail down two to three years ahead." Asked what the estimated loss of revenue would be if the theater was shut down for one year for the project, he said it would be about $80,000.

"I think it's an idea whose time has come," said Anderson. Nancy Doolittle, chair of the Carmel Music Society, said the group had been a tenant in the building since April 5, 1932. Speaking for all the entertainment users of the Sunset theater, Doolittle said, "We do appreciate the financial situation the city is in, but Sunset Center is a financial asset. It could be more so if it was remodeled."

Tom Glidden, manager of La Playa Hotel, read a statement from CBA President Al Zarzana who was ill. "This is 1993. Things have changed. We are looking for old customers to return," he said. "We've been taking cultural events for granted. We are hungry for people in Carmel."

Glidden said callers to the CBA office are asking for quality cultural events. "I wish I could report that the business atmosphere was strong, but I'm afraid that's not the case. The CBA and the Innkeepers Association recognize the need to support the maintenance and growth" of Sunset Center.

Former Mayor Barney Laiolo, who said he had worked on the building when he was an electrical contractor, urged the money for the study be raised through voluntary contributions "not through the city coffers."

Planning Commissioner Lindsay Hanna said, "This is an incredibly valuable asset. Few communities have an asset like this in the middle of the community. The problem is that it's falling down. I don't think to do nothing is an option. The whole building needs work."

But he questioned the need for a feasibility study "to find out what you want to do when you've already decided what you want to do."

Architect John Thodos, a member of the Task Force, told him, "before you can even begin judging what it's going to cost, you need to do a study. A builder cannot do an estimate." He said 99.5 percent of the people who handle such projects do a study first.

"The only way you're going to find out what it's going to cost is to put it out for bids," Hanna insisted. "I'm wondering if you don't have an extra step here that's going to delay and get people arguing about the $30,000."

"I'm an architect," said David Martin, a member of the audience. "It's essential to have a feasibility study for something like this. You're really talking about a schematic design. It'll ground the vision you're talking about here."

Erl Lagerholm, a resident, wanted to know if the study would include the projected income and expenses of the project. Thodus said, "No. That will be handled by another committee."

Task Force member David Benjamin said, "It's not contemplated that current operating expenses would be raised. They could be lowered. To what extent revenues would be affected, that study hasn't been done."

Noting that no expansion was contemplated by the project, Benjamin said Sunset Center returns the highest percentage of revenues to the city of any department. "It could be a real revenue enhancer."

Sherry McCullough, president of the Monterey City Symphony Association, said, "We have more available here sometimes than some of the major metropolitan cities." But, she said it would be "so much more enjoyable" if the acoustics were better and if the stage would accommodate more than just 60 percent of the orchestra. She said there was a huge difference in the listening pleasure of orchestra patrons in Salinas and in Sunset Center because of the poor acoustics.

Bruce Kibby, a Monterey planner and member of the Carmel Architectural Preservation Committee and the 2016 Committee, supported the project but said the city needed to treat Sunset Center as an historic building.

"You need to look for an architect familiar with restoring historic buildings," he said. "If it eventually is declared an historic building, there will be certain benefits such as exceptions to the code in areas not related to public safety and modification of handicapped requirements."

Williams Suggests $500 Contributions To Sunset Study

Alan Williams, president of Carmel Development Co., said he supports the concept of remodeling Sunset Center and would contribute $500 if the members of the Sunset Center Task Force did the same.

"I believe Sunset needs to be renovated as long as we look at the entire center," Williams told the *Sun*. "I'll put up $500 if each of the members do the same. That would raise 20 percent of the $30,000 they need. The major users could put in $500 to $1,000, and we'd get half of the amount needed. We can't expect the city to pick up the whole tab when it's broke."

Williams thinks the Task Force study so far has been "too focused" on just the theater. "It should be more general. We need to do it for the entire building."

Noting that Friends of Sunset Center has not been able to raise $30,000 to remodel the administrative offices, Williams said if such renovation is necessary it should be part of the current proposal.

"We have no idea as to whther it's even carrying itself now," he said of the theater. "There's a price to pay if you're going to support culture."

Tularcitos Teachers Explain Use of Grants

Ethyl Radowicz and Patty Armstrong, fourth grade teachers at Tularcitos School, reported to the Carmel Unified School Board at its Feb. 11 meeting how they were using a $12,550 educational enhancement grant they received from the district.

The grant has been used to purchase California history library books and videos for their students, they said. The grant also includes a $3,000 stipend for each teacher for their work on the project, according to Rosemary Montgomery, CUSD assistant superintendent.

Armstrong said the new collection will provide students books which supplement their regular history book on the different eras in California.

The teachers purchased 1,000 books which focus on the native Indians, missions, the Gold Rush, immigration and other periods. Several copies of each book were purchased so groups of students could read and discuss them together, Radowicz said.

White Names Five Committee Members

Mayor Ken White has nominated five people to the newly created Historic Preservation Committee established under Carmel's recently adopted historic preservation ordinance.

The City Council will act on the nominees Tuesday. White chose Enid Sales and Bruce Kibby, two members of the predecessor Architectural Preservation Committee which drafted the ordinance, Wendy Banks, Jane Mayer and Ralph Tober.

Sales is a licensed preservation contractor who spent 10 years as administrator and chief of rehabilitation for the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. She led the move to save the M.J. Murphy house and is director of the Carmel Survey of historic properties. Kibby is a city planner in Monterey and member of Carmel's 2016 Committee. Banks, a teacher, is on the 2016 Committee and Friends of Sunset Center.

Mayer, who was chairman of the 1984 General Plan Committee, has been a teacher, lecturer, designer, magazine writer and fashion coordinator. Tober volunteered for the Carmel Historical Survey when it was first created four years ago.

Zoning Fight Flares

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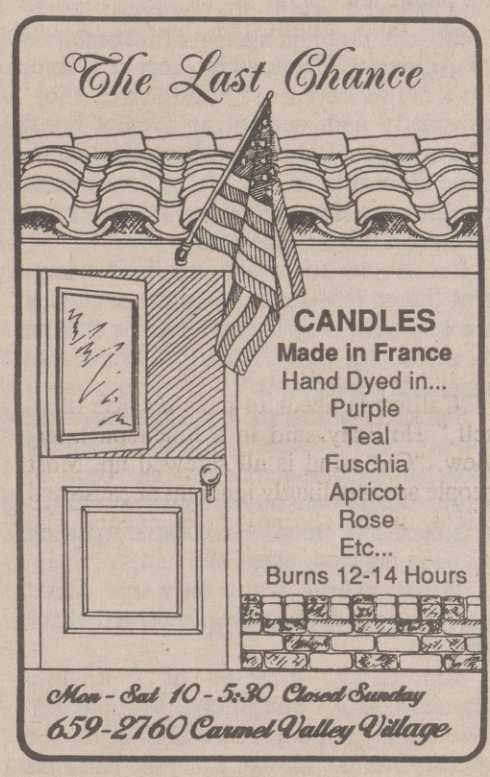
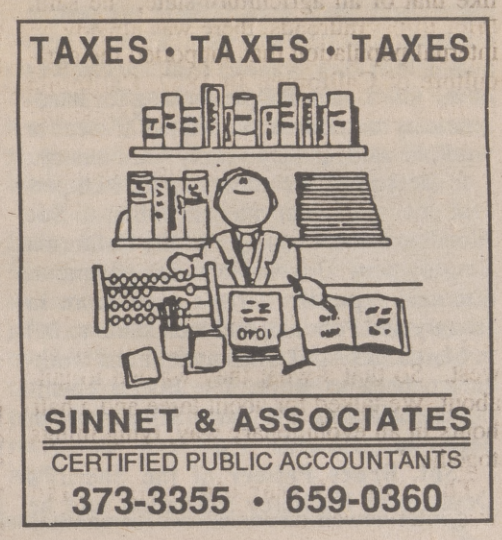
the Service Commercial zone. That's not the problem. No one today is looking to invest in resident-serving businesses. The return is just not there. There's too much competition from stores like Costco and Longs. Carmel can't even support the existing resident serving businesses they have."

Jepson complained that unlike the aggressive city Monterey, "Carmel has spent nothing." She said the only money spent last year on business promotion was $20,000 by the CBA for advertising and $15,000 by the landlords to install electricty to light Ocean Avenue for Christmas. "These are the same people, they're claiming are so awful."





500 Homeless Reported Living on Peninsula

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cracks," she said. But in general, out of work people can qualify for food stamps and general assistance. "They may not want to fill out the forms and wait their turn standing in line," she added. Illegal aliens do not qualify, she said.

She said a homeless person can receive $120 a month general assistance, while those paying rent can qualify for $300 a month. Another $111 can come in the form of food stamps, according to Loma Livernois, who manages that program. But restrictions apply to both the food stamps and general assistance benefits, she said.

Another social services employee empathized with the plight in which some unemployed find themselves. Mary Goblirsch, program manager for the Office of Aging and Community Services, said, "It's not as easy as saying 'go get a job' especially with our unemployment rate." She said people can find themselves in financial trouble as a result of "a series of misfortunes that got out of hand and resulted in a downward spiral."

But the one hot meal a day, food stamps and the county general assistance money the homeless may receive doesn't amount to much, she said. "I don't call one hot meal a day doing well."

She said some of the homeless may need job training or counseling to give them the tools or encouragement to get back to work. Others may have problems with alcohol, drugs, mental illness or getting along in the work place, she said.

"Most people want to work. Most people do not want to sleep under a bridge," she said.

Bob Glick, director of Peninsula Outreach, said, "I encourage people not to give money to people who are outside the grocery stores." He explained the handouts often slow the homeless down from moving on with their lives. "There are people out there abusing the system. There is help available if they want to avail themselves of it," Glick said. People looking for handouts may turn down the offer of a meal or work, he said, as they simply want money.

In December, the county had a 16.6 percent unemployment rate, according to Sue Woodburn, local manager of the California Employment Development Department. She said typically it rises even more in January and February and then starts to fall in March and April when agricultural workers go back to work. The lowest unemployment during 1992 was 8.7 percent in September, she said.

Sgt. Bruce Palmer of the Sheriff's Department Monterey substation said he believes about 20 homeless people live in the Carmel and Carmel Valley area on a permanent basis. The number has stayed about the same during the past five years, he said. The majority are men who range in age from their early 40s to mid 50s, he said.

Besides the homeless, signers may be transients or people who have what Palmer calls the "stray cat syndrome." He defined them as people successful at getting money or food who tend to return to the same place on a regular basis. Palmer said he has seen one of the Carmel Rancho regular sign carrier who leaves in a vehicle when he finishes.

Signing is a new phenomena which developed on the peninsula about two or three years ago, Palmer said. "As far as we've been able to find out, they are not breaking the law." If they do it on private property, put their hand out, ask verbally or interfere with traffic, it is illegal, he said. But someone just standing, holding a sign is not in violation, he said. It becomes panhandling if they ask verbally or hold out their hand, he said.

Palmer said he often sees a man near his home in Salinas with a sign which says, "Need work. Have baby. God Bless." When he stops signing, he leaves in a brand new pickup, Palmer said.

"There has been quite a bit of media support for these people," Palmer said. "They're not dumb. They'll tell you what you want to hear."

One woman who signs said some of the homeless use drugs. But the picture painted by the three signers the *Sun* interviewed was of people who once held responsible jobs, who are embarrassed by asking for handouts, but who are unable to find employment.

Dixon, the signer who was on Rio Road, said he lost his most recent job cooking at the Toro Cafe on Highway 68 about a year ago. He said his shift started at 6 a.m., he didn't have a car and the bus didn't run early enough to get him there on time.

Dixon declined to be photographed. "This is embarrassing enough as it is," he said.

Dixon said he "fills out job applications by the thousands." But it's tough, he said, because potential employers "can't call you if you don't have a phone." He said he sometimes camps on the Carmel River and sleeps in a cardboard box or a storage shed.

Dixon said he knows five or six other signers. "We all eat at the churches but they don't feed every day."

Dixon waved at someone who honked at they drove by. When asked who it was, he replied, "I got friends. I got real good friends. Some of them bring food on a regular basis."

"HOMELESS, HUNGRY, PLEASE HELP" reads the sign held by Patrick Kitt who stood at the intersection of Highway 1 and Rio Road on a recent Friday afternoon.
Sun photo by Carolyn Rice

Another signer working the same intersection was Patrick Kitt, 36. His sign read, "Homeless and hungry. Please help. Thanks."

A slender, cheerful man who wore glasses, Kitt's jeans and shirt were neat and clean. His vest was patched. People had given him potato salad, a sandwich and a Valentine-shaped chocolate cake. "She said 'Happy Valentine's Day and handed me the cake. That boosted me," he said.

"I get a lot of people driving by that say 'Get a job.' If they offered me one, I'd take it."

He has been signing for about two months. Before that he was collecting aluminum cans put out at curbside for recycling. Someone called the police and reported him. Kitt said the police warned him not to do it anymore, but didn't cite him.

Kitt has been an auto mechanic, a gas station attendant, a cash clerk and most recently the box office manager for California's First Theatre in Monterey. At one time, he was licensed to dispense hearing aids, he said. "It's probably been five and one-half months since I've worked," he said. "I'm still looking for work. I'll take anything I can get at this point."

He stations himself near Albertsons or on Highway 1 but goes to Seaside to camp at night. The Sheriff's Department regularly picks up men who camp on the Carmel River and jails them, Kitt said. He does not want to risk that. A friend has a car which does not run, and that's where he stashes his tent, sleeping bag and sleeping pad during the day.

Palmer said the Sheriff's Department makes sweeps of the Carmel River about six times a year and responds to complaints about river campers about once or twice a month. He said if deputies find campers, they are asked to leave because the property along the river is private or belongs to the water company. "If they refuse to move, they would be arrested," he said. "When we go down there, we're not talking homeless," he said. "Hobos or bums is what we're dealing with."

Sometimes people become incensed by the signers, Palmer said. "They

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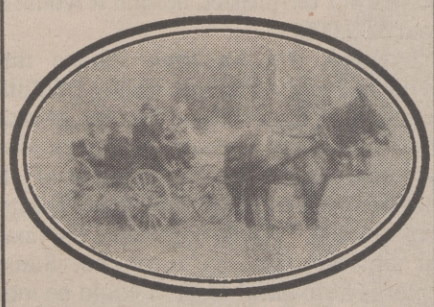

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Signer Uses $50 for a Room

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stop and go up to them and start shouting. They could swing on them." He also said people who are hostile might swing their cars too close to them. The signers also risk being robbed, he said.

During dry weather, the number of people who camp on the river increases, he said. "They usually move into cities during wet weather. I don't know where they go, but they seem to disappear."

The money Kitt raises goes for a $50 motel room whenever he can afford it. If he signs for six hours, he usually can raise that much, he said. "Basically what the money goes for is to get a room, so I can take a shower and sleep in a bed."

Food, Shelter Providers

The Homeless Coalition said the following churches and organizations provide food or shelter for the homeless on the peninsula:

Shelter—All Saints Episcopal, Carmel; St. Phillips Lutheran, Carmel Valley; Assembly of God, Bethlehem Lutheran, Methodist Church and First Presbyterian, Monterey; Faith Lutheran and Hays Christian Methodist Episcopal, Seaside; Mayflower Presbyterian and Peninsula Baptist, Pacific Grove.

Meals—Carmel Valley Community Chapel, Carmel Valley; Church of the Oaks, Del Rey Oaks; Church of Religious Science, Monterey; Christian Church and St. Angela's Roman Catholic Church, Pacific Grove; Church of Latter Day Saints, Seaside; Fort Ord Chapel, Naval Postgraduate School Chapel and Salvation Army, Seaside.

Kitt, who said his mother, an ex-wife and his 11-year-old daughter live in Seaside but do not know about him begging, said the worst thing about being homeless is loneliness. "I can find food. I can find shelter. But it gets real lonely."

Doobie, his dog, helps with the loneliness, Kitt said. "At least it gives you someone to talk too even if he doesn't talk back." The dog is 13 years old, part Doberman and part pit bull, and was given to him as a tip for delivering a pizza when the dog was four months old. "He's who I cuddle up with at night to keep warm." Kitt said the dog is very protective of him. If someone came near his tent at night, Kitt thinks they might be sorry. One of his signs asks for dog food.

Kitt said he know about 40 or 50 people who are homeless and "signers" on the peninsula. "They might have a vehicle to live in, but I don't consider that a home. A home has a kitchen and a toilet and a shower," he said.

The *Sun* also talked to woman who looked like she was in her 30s. She said her name was Sandee but didn't want her last name used. She has a new part-time job in a pizza place where she has been working six to 10 hours a week. She hopes it will work into more hours, but she doesn't want her employer to know she "signs" on the side.

Sandee would like full-time employment. She used to have an apartment on the peninsula and a car. Originally from Wisconsin, she has lived in the area for 18 years. Her present situation is due to "falling on hard times," she said. She has worked full-time in management, as a cashier and has computer experience. But then she lost her job and "my car died totally. At times, it can definitely be depressing," she said. "It helps that I got a part-time job."

Sandee said she has two brothers in Wisconsin but she had a falling out with one of them, and they live together. She has not told them of her situation and will not ask them for help, she said.

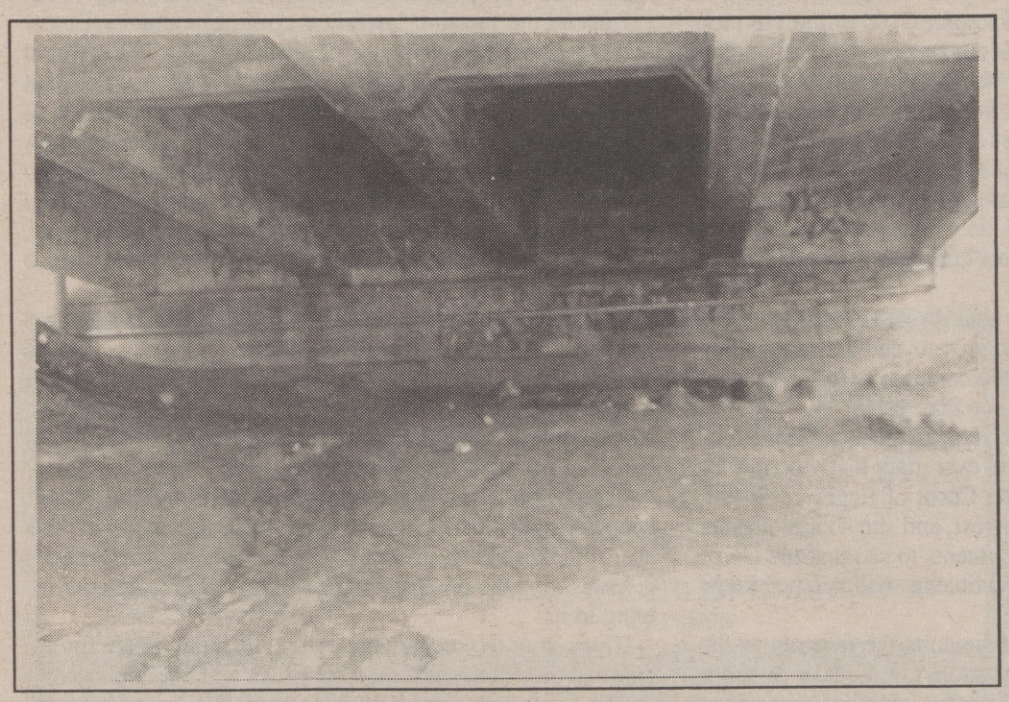
Some of the homeless are on drugs, she said. "I try to stay away from them.

"We all try to help each other out. Someone may give you three or four loaves of bread. We split it up. We trade the food we don't like. People often give you bananas, apples or oranges. Sometimes I end up with more than one sandwich, and I'll save one. You very rarely end up hungry."

Palmer said if 911 receives a call from someone who is in need of emergency food or shelter, the Sheriff's Department doesn't personally get involved, but will put the person in touch with an agency which can help. He said he personally remembers helping a woman from Canada who had car problems and was out of money who was housed and fed by an agency until she could make arrangements to return to Canada. "We spent three hours helping her get in touch with an agency," he said.

$68.8 Million in Unemployment Paid in Monterey County in '92

In 1992, $68.8 million in unemployment benefits was paid out in Monterey County, according to Sue Woodburn who manages the Employment Development Department Monterey office. The Monterey office paid out $14.3 million, she said. The amount paid is based on previous earnings and ranges for $40 to $230 a week with a $156 average check paid from the Monterey office, she said. Benefits can be collected for 26 weeks and right now extended benefits for an additional period are available, she said. The extended benefits expire in March but may be extended again, she said.



THE BRIDGE ON CARMEL RIVER on Highway 1 sometimes provides shelter for the homeless, but the sheriff's department will ask them to leave if they are found camping there. High water presently covers any potential campsite under the bridge. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Homeless Coalition Provides Food and Shelter for Needy

The Homeless Coalition, with help from 20 peninsula churches, has come to the aid of single men who are on the streets at nighttime. It provides overnight lodging and a hot dinner program every night of the week for the men with a program called IHELP—Interface Homeless Emergency Lodging Program. Started in December, it provides shelter for about 28 men a night, according to coalition members.

Men who need overnight lodging should report to the Salvation Army at 1491 Contra Costa Ave, Seaside, by 5:30 p.m. They are transported to the church providing the shelter that night, said Bob Glick, Peninsula Outreach director and a coalition member. Peninsula Outreach administers the program, he said.

Glorietta Rowland, Homeless Coalition chairperson and Salvation Army director of basic needs, said the program has worked really well. "We've had no problems. It's been positive beyond our expectations," she said. With all the rainy weather this winter, the program came in the nick of time, Rowland said.

The Homeless Coalition has about 25 members who are service providers, work at agencies or are just interested in the homeless problem, Rowland said.

The coalition modeled IHELP after a similar program in Santa Cruz, she said. The local, trial program will run until March 31, but Rowland said she thinks there is an continuing need for it and hopes funds can be found to extend it. "Single men are the least served. The use has been great," she said.

Three men have graduated, she said, explaining they have found work and been able to move into apartments. She said they encourage men to use the program while they are saving up money which will allow them to rent an apartment.

Besides just providing food and lodging, IHELP tries to aid the men in stabilizing their lives and getting back into the mainstream, she said. It includes a job referral service for the men. Local residents can call Peninsula Outreach at 899-4673 for information on what job skills the men have, she said.

Glick said the program will not serve those who are drunk or on drugs. He thinks this has been the straw which has turned some men around and helped them to stay sober. "The guys who come with us want to improve their status," he said. "They want to move on with their lives."

"The churches really are doing a good service," he said. Some provide the sleeping space and others which can't offer shelter may deliver the meals or provide for other program needs, he said.

Andy Williams, a county social service employee who works with the homeless, said they do have problems not encountered by others when trying to reenter the work force. One man told him when he carried a duffel bag to an interview, potential employers tend to look askance at him. But he had no place to leave his belongings during the day, Williams said.

They desperately need shower facilities, Williams said. The churches which provide overnight lodging do not have showers, he said. Sometimes one man will use his general assistance check to rent a motel room and several use the room to shower, Williams said.

"The problems are fascinating to work on, and I think all of them can be solved," he said.

Williams said a 1988 survey showed that about 89 percent of the homeless in the county were single, white or Hispanic men between the age of 25 and 44 with the rest of the homeless being females or families.

A nonprofit agency called Protransportation has donated vans to drive the men to the churches, Williams said. The drivers have volunteered on Monday through Friday for the trial program, but he doesn't know if they will be able to continue if the program extends past March 31.

He said the program was set up using a $10,000 federal McKinney Act grant. "We're getting an awful lot of mileage for the money," he said.

Peninsula Outreach, a Seaside based nonprofit group also provides hot dinners on Mondays and Wednesdays and lunch on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Glick said it serves 200 to 225 meals a day to a cross section of low income people including families and single parents with children.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 1475 La Salle Ave, Seaside gives lunch bags on Monday through Friday from 2 to 3 p.m., a spokesman said. They contain a sandwich, juice, peanut butter, crackers, cookie and maybe fruit. Once a month food sacks with canned goods, rice, beans and other food are provided to the needy, she said. Food bag recipients must have identification, she said.

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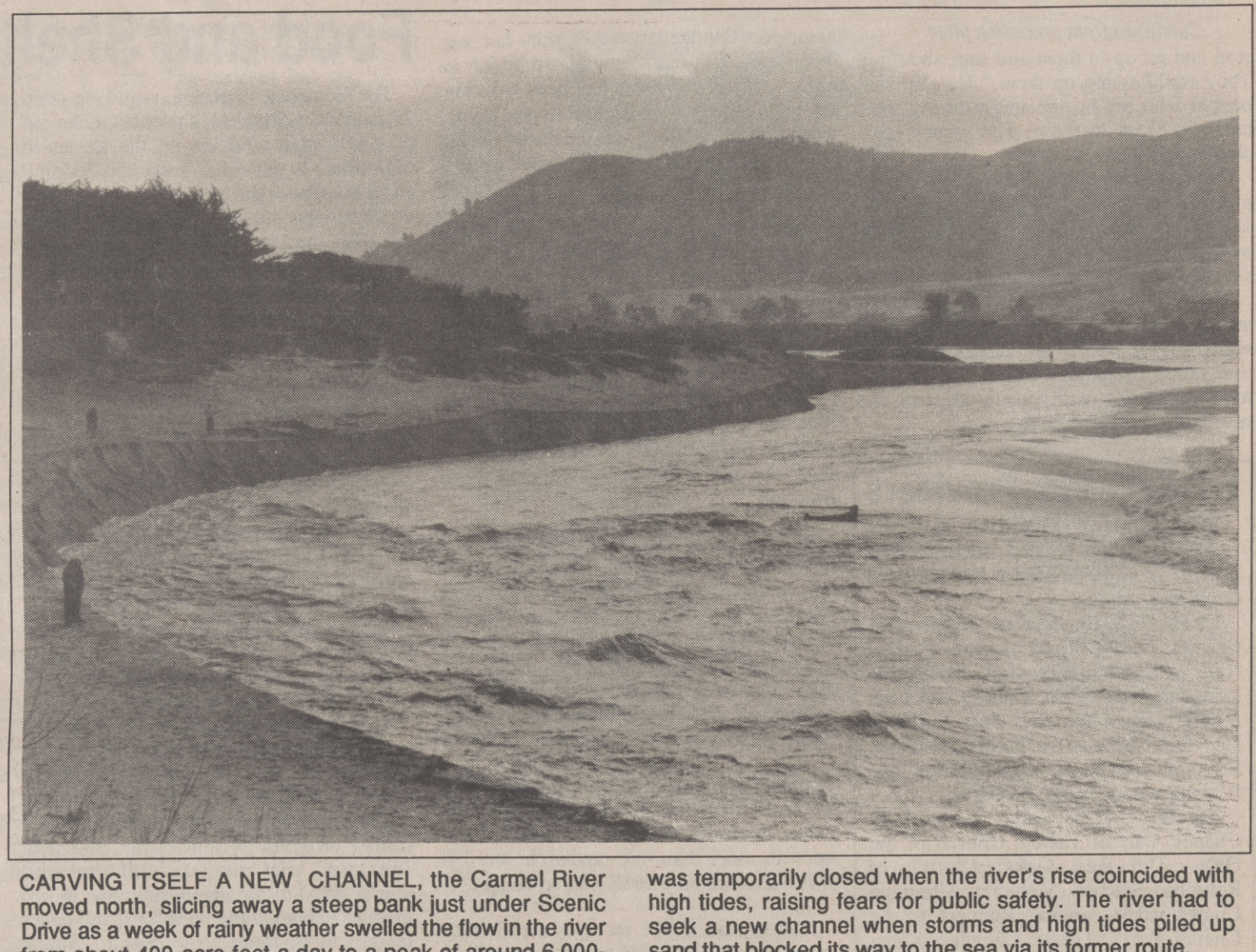

CARVING ITSELF A NEW CHANNEL, the Carmel River moved north, slicing away a steep bank just under Scenic Drive as a week of rainy weather swelled the flow in the river from about 400-acre-feet a day to a peak of around 6,000-acre-feet daily. The parking lot at Carmel River State Beach was temporarily closed when the river's rise coincided with high tides, raising fears for public safety. The river had to seek a new channel when storms and high tides piled up sand that blocked its way to the sea via its former route.
Sun photo by Stan Hall

Don't put your umbrella away yet. Even after a week-long series of showers that dropped as much as 5 inches of rain on some parts of the Central Coast, weatherman Robert Renard said at least two more storm systems are headed this way.

"Everything that goes by is raining on us," Renard said, explaining that the heavy precipitation was caused by "numerous cloud bands" that first spun off of subtropical air from the Pacific and later from a cold front from the Gulf of Alaska.

The sometimes heavy showers were accompanied by occasional hail, high winds, a couple of thunderstorms and bright rainbows as the clouds played peek-a-boo with the sun.

The rains swelled the already flowing Carmel River, causing it to carve out a new channel to the ocean very close and parallel to Scenic Drive above Carmel River State Beach. The parking lot there was closed for safety reasons for a while when high tides coincided with a sharp increase in river flow.

A ranger at the Point Lobos Reserve said the parking lot was roped off to discourage use of the beach "when we didn't know how fast and how furious the river was going to rise." With the river still edging its way north toward Scenic, ropes were put up to keep people from getting too close to the edge. "The bank is very unstable," the ranger said.

From Feb. 16 when the rainy period set in, Renard measured a total of 3.37 inches of rain at his Monterey observation station. For the rain year that began July 1, that brought his total to 22.65—well ahead of the 18.73 inches he could expect to get in an average year.

Renard, former head of the Navy Post Graduate School meteorology department, said the year is the wettest since 1983 when he had recorded 24.53 inches by Feb. 24. For that record-setting rain year, Renard measured more than 40 inches in all.

In Carmel Valley Village, weather observer Graham Matthews recorded 4.60 inches since Feb. 16, bringing his total for the rain year to 20.77. That also was well ahead of the 17.61 inches that Carmel Valley Village receives on average for an entire 12-month period.

The heaviest amounts of rain were recorded at San Clemente dam where more than 5 inches had been recorded by late Tuesday, according to Darby Fuerst, water resources manager for the water management district. For the year, more than 25 inches of rain had been measured at the dam, compared to normal rainfall of 20.40 inches.

Renard said that during the heaviest downpour of the week, he recorded rain falling at the rate of 7 inches an hour, if the shower had continued that long. Scattered power outages were reported throughout the peninsula as trees either broke in the wind or blew over in the soggy ground.

Renard said another storm system should move into the area either Thursday night or Friday and bring additional rain until "tailing off into showers Saturday."

Yet another system was lined up behind that one to arrive either Sunday night or Monday. Renard said it was too early to tell exactly what it might bring.

Fuerst said the heaviest rains in the upper Carmel River watershed were recorded on Feb. 19 when about 3 inches fell. "With the basin as saturated as it is, 3 inches of rain produced close to an increase of 6,000-acre-feet a day in the river."

Fuerst said the water management district had measured 40,500-acre-feet of runoff into the river during January. "We've probably had the equivalent of that in February," he said. "80,000-acre-feet in those two months is definitely above normal."

With the river having run to the sea consistently since early January, Fuerst said 176 adult steelhead had been counted so far in a fish ladder at San Clemente dam returning to their spawning grounds.

The fish count is made by shutting off the water to the fish ladder once a day and counting the fish that were trapped in the pools before the flow is restored. It does not record all the fish, only those in the ladder at the one particular time.

When a reporter suggested the water management district must be disappointed at the small number, Fuerst said, "We had one adult in all of last year and just 10 fish two years ago."

He said the goal is to get 1,000 to 2,000 adult fish to return from the ocean each year to spawn. If more than that return, he said there is not enough habitat in the river to accommodate them. Each fish needs a certain amount of space in which to build their nests, which are called redds, he said.

MORE LETTERS

The End of a Political Career?

I am speaking as a private citizen and 40-year resident of the Monterey Peninsula. I have entered a state of mourning for the political demise of Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman as a candidate for re-election. I couldn't believe my eyes when I read that this elected official gave up on the Hatton Canyon Freeway.

To my sorrow, this lady has failed to grasp the enormity of her decision and the detrimental effect that the loss of funding for the freeway will have on the peninsula and the county. She refuses to believe Caltrans and Greg Albright, Caltrans project coordinator, that the alternative 1-C Modified freeway project is the only prudent alternative to support. Based on the mission of the agency, it cannot select another alternative. It is long-term, obtainable and appropriate. She must understand her power as supervisor that she can kill the project. She exhibits a certain naivete that the community doesn't want a freeway, and she mistakenly thinks there is a smaller scale project (for which there is no present funding) that will serve the community. A smaller scale project is not better than nothing, if in the long run it does not achieve the relief intended. Quick fixes are never adequate where long term solutions are needed and ultimately will be more costly.

This $42 million is sorely needed to boost the economy on the peninsula and in the county. This $42 million will be recycled for another $40 million to $60 million spent for necessities by those who earned the money.

Politically, Strasser Kauffman has demonstrated that she is so desirous of getting re-elected that she is listening to the opponents of the freeway and perhaps shares their concerns about the intrusion into the wetlands (what wetlands?) and the loss of the Monterey pine forests and the non-endangered species of shrubs, plants, wildlife, etc. that are in the canyon. She has joined Supervisor Sam Karas who has long opposed the canyon project for whatever reasons he has deemed important to his fourth district constituents.

Both of these supervisors have spent county funds going to Washington, D. C., to appeal for some $100 million to prop up the county's economy for the conversion of Fort Ord. Our soon to be failing economy could receive a boost from the $42 million for the freeway. It is available without begging for it. Political power sometimes distorts the view of those in power when their desire to get elected eventually alienates enough of their constituents that they find themselves out of office because they listened to the wrong drummer. Throwing the $42 million to some other county is not very wise or fair to their constituents.

The community is not really that divided. We just have a dedicated minority that wants no growth, and they are willing to sacrifice the future needs of the community to satisfy their goals. Even a blind person can see that.

Supervisor Strasser Kauffman refuses to believe that the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will ever grant a 404 permit for the freeway. She forgets that the Corps of Engineers is empowered to serve the public interest, and she should use her influence on behalf of her constituents to see that the Corps fulfills its obligations. Her constituents will let her know where they stand on June 8

Thank God, Sen. Mello still supports the freeway as the only solution to our traffic congestion. Let me hear Supervisor Strasser Kauffman say the freeway issue has been resurrected in her view. How appropriate for the Easter season.

Dr. Joseph Noto
Carmel

Shouldn't Everyone Pay Taxes?

I would like to know if Randy and Charlene Randazzo would be willing to pay all the taxes that we, the residents of Carmel Valley will be losing for every laborer they put to work at their proposed work center here in the Village?

I attend the meeting last week at the Community Center and was appalled at this idea of a work center which would be promoting and encouraging people to work who are not paying any county, state or federal taxes like the rest of us who work and live here must. Did you know that approximately 25 percent of all state taxes we Californians pay go directly towards the handling of illegal aliens, the many problems they are creating and the hospital bills, housing, food, etc., they cannot pay for because most of them are so poor?

Word will spread fast to all these laborer's cousins and brothers in their hometowns in Mexico. "Come to Carmel Valley Village—the taxpayers there will get you jobs and it will cost you nothing?" 60 laborers a morning in our village may soon turn into hundreds of men who come to our "work here, but pay no taxes" work center.

If a person is privileged enough to work and live in our beautiful state, then I believe they must also pay their fair share of taxes like the rest of us do. The economy of this state is a mess and the proposed work center will only be contributing to it.

If you want to vote yay or nay on this issue, watch for the date and time of the next meeting which will be announced in the *Sun* and come and cast your vote. We know how the Randazzos will be voting, how about you?

Patricia Whiles
Carmel Valley

Followup Meeting Planned on Laborer Job Center

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country illegally, arguing that if a center helped them find work, it would at least tacitly be aiding and condoning their illegal behavior. They said illegal aliens competed for jobs with laborers who took the time and pains to follow the law for entering the country.

Some of those questioning whether illegals should be processed raised the names of Zoe Baird and Judge Kimba Wood, two women mentioned for attorney general in the Clinton Administration who withdrew after their hiring of illegal aliens was brought out.

After Mrs. Panetta made her offer to have state and federal officials come in, Randy Randazzo asked for a show of hands from those interested in such a followup meeting. Only about a third of the people in the hall raised their hands.

"Before we decide whether we want a second meeting, shouldn't we determine whether we want the center at all?" asked a woman in the crowd. "We don't want it," called a second woman.

But Roger Williams, owner of a self-storage business off DelFino Place, drew applause when he said that for five years or more, the men had been gathering—sometimes as many as 70 strong—with no sanitary facilities and no place to get in out of the rain. "Do we need a lesson in humanity?" he asked.

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman came into the meeting hall late, sat quietly at the back and listened to the debate and then left without saying anything.

The citizens' committee has proposed establishing a non-profit, community based group to create and operate the job center. Randazzo told the Sun the committee would meet March 1 to assess the first public meeting. He said the date of the followup meeting would be announced once it had been arranged.

Attorney Blanca Zarazua, who was a prime architect of the proposal along with plumbing contractor Stew Clough, told the audience at the outset of the town hall meeting that a number of "touchy areas" still must be decided.

In addition to the question of processing illegals, she said they included the site for a center, its financing and how it should be administered.

Chuck McKay, a resident of the Village, said it wasn't just enough for citizens to try to create the center on their own. "It can't just be us," he said. "It must have public agency support...We must pay attention to the legal rules. If we do it, we must do it right."

Bill Melendes, a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) who lives in Monterey and served on the committee, responded, "We will make it as legal as we possibly can."

"It has to be legal," McKay shot back, 'It can't just be as legal as possible."

McKay was one of those who suggested that if there was demand for a job referral center, it might provide an opportunity for an entrepreneur to set one up and make a profit from it.

"Yes, let's let private enterprise do it," agreed Ron Levora.

Sam Varella, a Valley resident in the audience, reminded the group that he had proposed creating a business to provide toilet and canteen facilities for the laborers more than a year ago, but was unable to find a location to put it.

Referring to a Border Patrol raid in the Valley last year in which a patrolman fired at a fleeing car, he said: "Please don't call them back in. Please support this committee."

Levora, a businessman who lives in the Village, provided one of the few light moments when he commented that with all the laborers waiting around Kasey's Convenience store, even he felt intimidated. But he said he would feel the same "if there were that many teenagers, 30 blue-eyed blond-haired Swedes or even 40 women."

Bill Tarp, who farms in the Salinas Valley and lives in Carmel Valley, said a number of labor brokers in the Salinas area could provide information on how to go about establishing a privately run job placement center.

Ray Lindsay, a retired postal worker in Carmel Valley, noted that the Community Center had bathrooms which were open during the day and suggested it could be made a pickup point for the laborers at least as a temporary measure.

Noting the proximity of Tularcitos Elementary School to the Community Center, Randazzo said, "I'm afraid we would have a lot of mamas who wouldn't like that...We'd want to discuss it with the parents."

A few people from outside Carmel Valley showed up to take part in the debate. One of them identified himself as Mike de Haydu, a contractor from Los Lomas and promoter of a taxpayers' group known as ACTIVE. Along with some others, he said illegal aliens were costing the state of California $3 billion a year, contributing to the county's 16 percent unemployment rate and making it difficult for firms which followed the immigration rules and paid their taxes to compete.

"We're sticking our heads in the sand (if we don't do something)," Clough argued. "Legal or not, when they have to urinate, they have to urinate."

He noted a number of contractors had offered to volunteer their services to help build a referral center building, if it came to that. Zarazua, who had talked to some of the laborers in advance of the meeting and invited them to attend, said some of them had also volunteered their labor.

"If we didn't employ them, they wouldn't be here," Randazzo said. He and others argued that the laborers provided an economic boost to the area by working cheaply and doing some jobs that other workers wouldn't do.

A woman contended that establishing a job referral center would only attract more laborers to the Village area. "Twenty-four hundred come across the border each day," said Patricia Lockhart."If you set up a center, more illegal aliens will come because nobody cares."

Chris Pentony, a Cachagua resident, suggested after listening to the debate that perhaps the problem could best be solved by approaching it in stages. He suggested the first priority should be to try to find a way to provide sanitary facilities, with the question of a job placement center being put off for a time.

Peter Coakley, a Village innkeeper and member of the committee, told the group the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) had worked off and on for a couple of years to find a location for public toilets but had been unsuccessful.

He mentioned a number of sites that had been suggested. They included the east parking lot at Garland Park, at Mid Valley near the Farm Center, at the county's corporation yard at the intersection of Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1, in an empty building across from Randazzo's Carmel Valley Market in Village Center, at the former Bank of America building and on a commercial lot at Carmel Valley Road and DelFino Place formerly occupied by Bill Parham's Pacific Septic Tank Service.

Parham told the group that one of the difficulties in finding a site for public bathrooms was strict septic capacity limits specified in the Carmel Valley Master Plan because of difficulties with septic fields in many parts of the Valley.

Carmel Boys No. 1 Seed in Tourney Hoop Play; Girls Grab No. 3 Seed

Led by point guard R. J. Powell, voted the MVP in the Mission Trail Athletic League this season, the Carmel High boys will take a No. 1 seed into the Division IV Central Coast Section (CCS) basketball tournament.

The Carmel girls garnered a No. 3 seed for their post season play. Seniors Doreen Evans and Erin Kraft represented Carmel on the All-Mission Trail Athletic League basketball team.

The Carmel boys will play No. 8 seeded Menlo School at 4:30 p.m. at Monterey Peninsula College Saturday. The Padres finished second in the MTAL with a 9-3 record and 20-5 overall. Alisal topped the league at 11-1, falling only to the Padres, but Alisal plays in Division II of the CCS because of its larger enrollment. It it seeded No. 2 in its division.

Carmel's girls, who grabbed a 55-54 thriller over Pacific Grove Feb. 17, will open tournament play against Carlmont High of Belmont at 6:15 p.m. at Monterey Peninsula College. The girls are 19-6 overall for the season and finished third in the league with 10-4.

In order to qualify for CCS competition a team must have a .500 record in either league play or in overall competition.

In their last league game Friday at King City, the Carmel boys claimed a 62-57 overtime victory. Ben Fahrer scored 15 for Carmel with Powell and Jason Lindgren both adding 14. Dean Wilson scored 11.

In the final regular season girls game, Erin Kraft scored 25 points over the visiting King City Mustangs and Erin Murray pulled down 20 rebounds to pace a 60-39 Padre victory. In girls play, the Mustangs came in second in the league at 11-3, one game behind Notre Dame.

Powell, a 6-foot junior won the Most Valuable Player award in a vote of MTAL coaches. He made the all-league team for the second year in a row. Also making all-league was Powell's teammate, senior Ben Fahrer, who was named to the defensive team.

Alisal placed three players on the offensive first team, Victor Alvarez, Mike Velasco and Brad Riley, all seniors.

Padres Stiles and Lindgren were named all league honorable mention.

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Carmel Candy Reaches a Growing Market Far Bey

By Isabelle Hall

Thirteen years ago, Lanny and Linda Rose sold their house in San Jose, pulled up stakes and put everything they had into the purchase of The Cottage of Sweets on Ocean Avenue in Carmel.

Rose, then 26, was finishing his last year of college where he was studying child psychology. His 25-year-old wife was a hair stylist. Neither one knew anything about the retail business and had never even looked at a set of books, let alone set one up.

"People in town said we had rich parents," he laughed. "We put everything we had into it."

Five years ago, their business was doing so well they expanded into a candy factory which today markets "Carmel Candy & Confection Co." chocolates in ten states. It is a sweet story of success for the young entrepreneurs.

Such mom and pop enterprises may also be the wave of the future with workers' compensation and insurance rates what they are for small businesses today, Rose noted.

Last weekend during the President's holiday and Valentine's Day, he said, "We had the biggest weekend we've ever had in 13 years at the store. I've never seen that many people before. People were lined up outside, circling around waiting to get in. Everybody was happy. It was the kind of problem you like to have, waiting on them all."

The 300-square-foot store just east of Monte Verde is in a quaint cottage built in the 1920's by Carmel's famous Hansel and Gretel cottage builder Hugh Comstock. It has always been a candy store but before the Roses acquired it, no owner ever lasted more than about two years, Rose said. It was moved at some point in its life from Dolores Street.

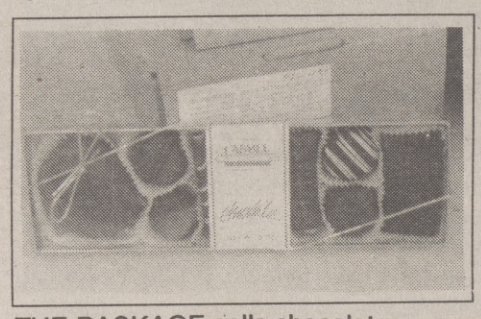
It's like every child's dream of a candy store with gleaming cases of chocolates and "gummies" and neatly stacked glass jars full of every kind of licorice made. Then there is the added attraction of chocolate bars and other packaged candy such as Cadbury's Flake and the true English Mars Bar made in England and Canada, confections that trigger memories of home for a lot of people who have been coming to the store for three generations.

"People walk in and say, 'Oh, gummies,'" Rose said. "Or they say, 'Oh, chocolate. Oh, licorice. Oh, British candy!'" Everybody seems to have a favorite."

He handles the licorice display like a wine-tasting, offering customers a taste of a huge variety of licorice ranging from English "Pontefract Cakes" to "Piggies" from Holland, a curious licorice that has a salty rather than sweet taste.

"That's my hobby," he said. "I carry every single kind of licorice I can find."

Rose has seen business people come and go in huge numbers over the years in Carmel. "It's a real lonely life," he said. "I called it solitary confinement for the first eight years."



THE PACKAGE sells chocolates.

Manning his store seven days a week for 13 years, he has become a keen observer of the Carmel scene, and the way he sees it, "Carmel foot traffic is still good. I sit there and watch it."

But he said business was better in the city before the Monterey Aquarium opened and a lot of motels and hotels were built in Monterey, drawing overnight customers away from the Carmel hostels.

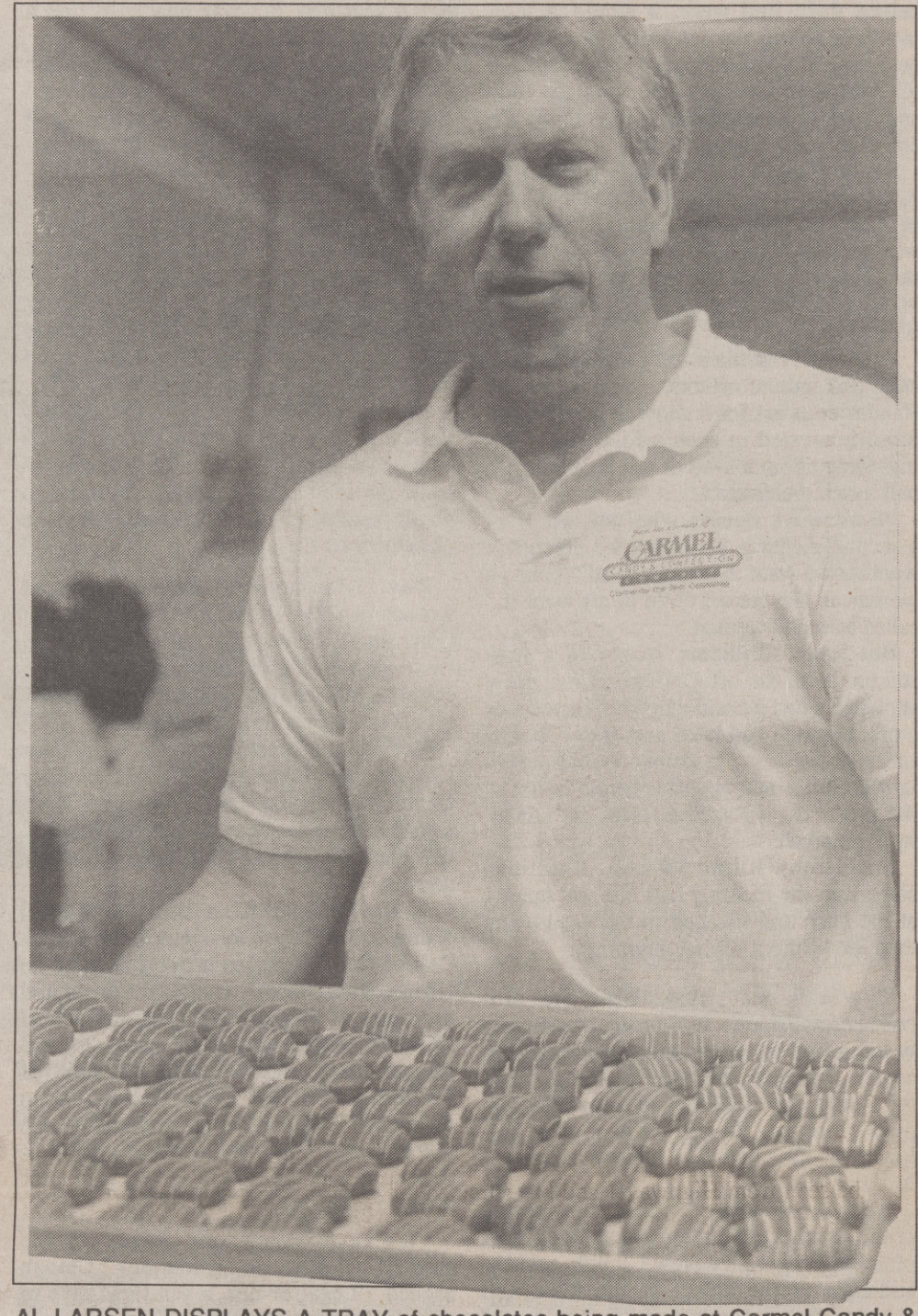
"I kind of admire the city," he said, for its refusal to let certain types of chains and fast food stores in. "I'm glad not to see McDonalds and Jack in the Box. It would look like any major mall if they were here."

Asked if a store like Mrs. Field's Cookies gave him competition, he said, "No. You're either a cookie person or a candy person."

He said he has seen quite a few candy stores come and go, and today there is only his Cottage of Sweets on Ocean Avenue, a second shop he started and sold to a friend in Carmel Plaza, Hansel and Gretel and Cocogelato which sells some candy.

Just as he had no knowledge of the retail business, Rose had never cooked or made candy before opening the factory in Seaside with three partners.

Vern Ricketts, who owns Ricketts Candy Parlour near the Carousel on Cannery Row in Monterey, was making toffee for his toffee apples. "I said let's become local producers," Rose said. They rented the factory in 1987 and started off making a high butter cream content caramel and English-style toffee and the confection of nuts, chocolate and caramel known as a "turtle." Ricketts was a teacher when he bought his candy store 12 years ago, acquiring the recipe for toffee along with it.



AL LARSEN DISPLAYS A TRAY of chocolates being made at Carmel Candy & Confection Co. for Easter. Larsen said the company produces 100,000 pounds of candy a year for customers in 10 states. *Sun photos by Isabelle Hall*

The third partner is Al Larsen of Pebble Beach who runs the factory and oversees the marketing efforts which accounted for some $600,000 in sales last year. They make 100,000 pounds of candy a year, including hand rolled truffles and hand decorated caramels.

Carmel Candy & Confections now exhibits at the Fancy Food Show in San Francisco and gift markets across the country. Besides packaging candy under their own brand, the company does private labeling for local hotels to stock sweets in their honor bars and for Knotts Berry Farm.

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ar Beyond Historic Ocean Avenue Shop

Rose attributes much of their success to packaging. He explained that the name "turtle" is protected, and no one but the original manufacturer can make this sweet and call it a "turtle." To get around the problem, he and his partners decided to package their candies in attractive gold boxes covered with cellophane so people can see what they are buying even if a particular candy isn't labeled a "turtle."

"No one does the packaging that we do," Rose said. All of the package and design work was done internally. When they first started the factory, the men were making a lot of the candy themselves. They hired a professional candymaker to teach them the business, and "we worked four years to perfect the English toffee," Rose said. "At first, it had too much butter. Now it crumbles perfectly.

"We used to cut caramels by hand. It took hours. Now we can do it in an an hour," he said pointing to new equipment for the process. "We can handle 100 trays of turtles in 15 minutes with 30 turtles per tray."

Expanding in another direction, the company has just begun making and package a trail mix bar for One-Up Natural Foods, Inc. of Oakley and is looking for more such business.

Larsen said the firm was named Small Business of the Year in 1990 by the Monterey Chamber of Commerce in the retail manufacturing division but it has been hurt by the economy.

"We had our first downturn in 1992 after going up since 1988," he said. "We have to adjust everywhere we can. We're working on some new marketing ideas. We have 20 sales representations in about every state west of the Mississippi."

The candy factory also has a retail outlet on the site with a big sign that can be seen from Highway 1 and has attracted tour buses of visitors interested in seeing the candy made and taking some home.

Ultimately, Rose said the company hopes to find a location for a retail store, probably in Monterey, where some candy could be made in view of the customers.

Rose hired help to run the store when the factory first opened. Now his three children are older, and his wife helps out. Born in Toronto of Scottish parents, she relates to the customers from the British Isles.

Their eldest son, Shawn, 15, a Monterey High School student, asked if he could start working in the store, Rose said, and Derrick, 10, "Can't wait to work." He said he bought aprons for the two boys and Evan, 8, and they would all get out on Ocean Avenue and sweep the sidewalk.

CROWDED WITH CANDY of all kinds is the 300-square foot Cottage of Sweets on Ocean Avenue in Carmel. Waiting for customers are owners Lanny and Linda Rose.

LICORICE FANCIERS CAN TASTE them all at Cottage of Sweets. Owners Lanny and Linda Rose handle the licorice varieties like a wine-tasting.

Valley Chef Will Judge Food Show

Deborah Wenzler of Baum & Blume, a gourmet catering firm in Carmel Valley Village, has been chosen as a judge for the 18th Annual Winter Fancy Food Show in San Francisco.

Wenzler said she would judge entries for Best of Show in the Packaging and Presentation categories.

The show, which attracts thousands of exhibitors, will be judged Feb. 28. Among them will be Carmel Candy and Confections, a Sand City manufacturer.

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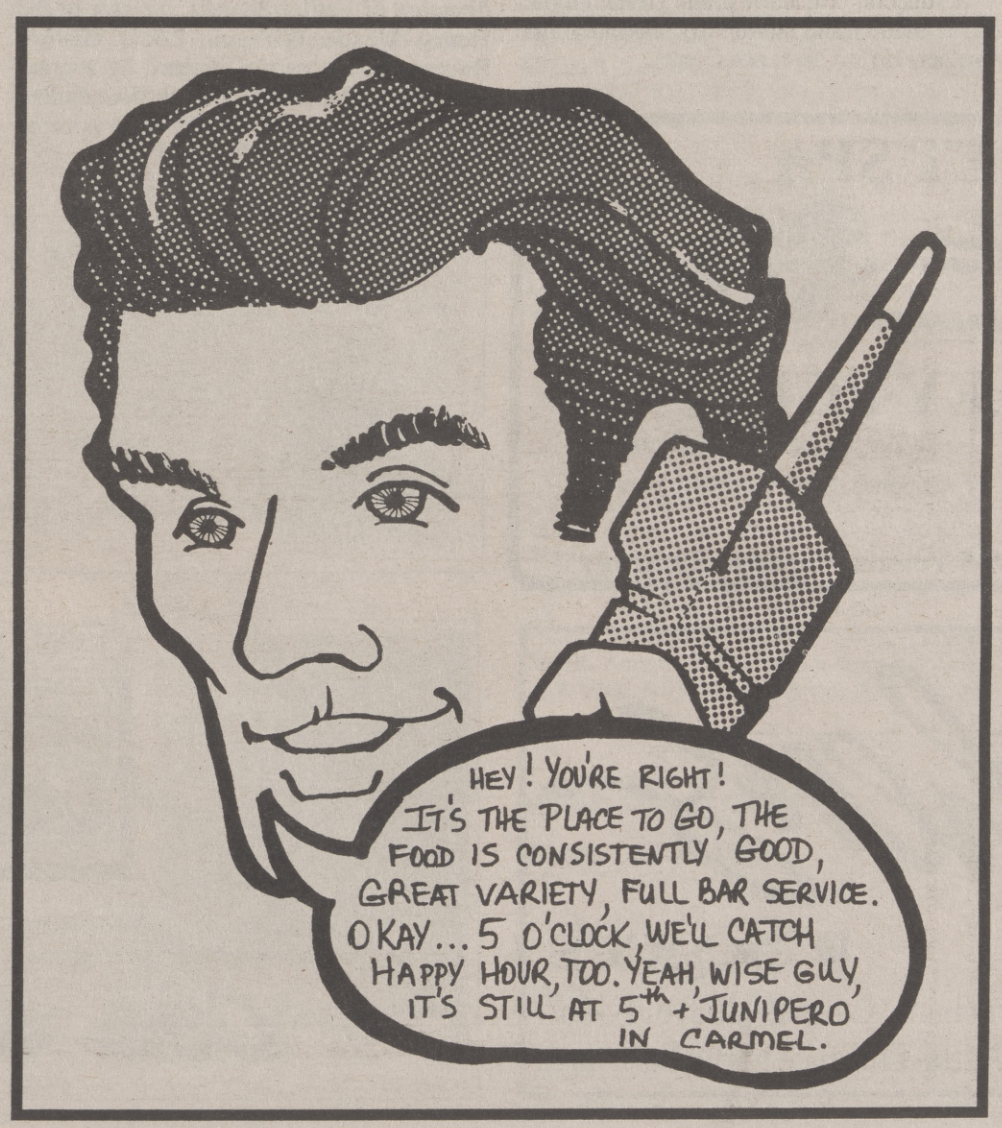
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By Anita DeCarlo

Long Nguyen: Illuminations

The Coburn Gallery at the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art glows like a cave of phosphorescent rock. The subdued lighting reflects off acrylic paintings of heads on paper.

The last time I saw paintings of heads was 1967. I was in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin. There was also a young man in the program courtesy of the GI Bill. He'd just returned from Viet Nam.

I was the only person he would talk to, and I wasn't much good at all. I couldn't understand him, his words about heads. I remember my confusion as if he spoke another language or came from another planet—the level of his intensity, his anguish and pain, those paintings he did head after head after head. Mostly on stakes, or lying there, in coils of thick red and green and black paint. The paintings got to me. They were terrifying, and I've never forgotten them.

Jim did not last more than one semester before moving into a VA hospital hopelessly lost in his nightmares. His paintings were his voice and perhaps the Western expression of horror, confusion, revulsion and ugliness of death at the hands of another, to death as insignificant, to death in a country that perceives life and death so differently.

Long Nguyen arrived as a refugee from Viet Nam in 1975. He was born there in 1958. Ah, could one possibly ever imagine his childhood and youth in this country that rained blood? Only people like Jim could guess—but through Western eyes. We can read of the history and see movies of the war in Viet Nam, but we cannot be a Vietnamese child growing up there.

We can get closer, sitting quietly in the glow of these paintings, to an illumination of the experience of Long Nguyen. These disembodied heads are not like Jim's. There is not so much the carnal horror and violence of death, but instead—a floating calmness. These heads are dead but not dead. They have a life after life floating in spacey mists outside some homey landscape It is not so much an otherworldliness at all. It is that real world of blood rain that stains the image.

Rivers did bloat with bodies, land did rot them quickly in the heat scattering bones about. It must not have been uncommon to see a body in parts and pieces.

The cruelty was not so much death as removing the head so the spirit could not find peace.

"Torpedo Head," "Head Crying," "Head With Green Eyes" are all laced with small neat bullet holes and float in soft orange, luminous red and green respectively. The mists are not dreams but landscapes of remembrances, a rising weapon, an opening shell, a coil of intestine. Company for eternity.

"Head Grimacing" is accompanied by a specter head in a G.I.'s helmet, a coil of intestine where features might have been."Head With Orange Ear" is cocooned in a cave, pushed in by some organ. A boat floats below out of reach.

Other paintings become more involved in symbolism: Hands and a head grow from a tree rotating in some howling dark. In another, a disembodied head has a chariot overhead. The head in "Survivor" rises above a column of facial parts. We sense his quest for sanity in the seemingly insane, some order in man's behavior and its place in the universe

What can we understand of a head like a small seed in a small pod, primitive tools scattered below? Is it no more than the dead nourishing the land?

Other paintings are like flashbacks. There must have been many 'Blue Stories"—a river in which float ears, hearts, some artifact of war. Or "Garment #1" another blue river in which a naked woman wades with a wound in her belly, her torn dress moving in the opposite direction.

Surely this imagery was seeded in the artist from earliest childhood and needed not so much imagination as a method to portray it. What he saw was nurtured by his personal and cultural beliefs. "Is existence to be confronted or simply endured?"

Long Nguyen is an artist of mature vision and a highly disciplined command of his tools.What sounds in words like unbearable images are not. There is an odd serenity in these paintings, a mastery of medium and message to give us a holy sense of the unholy.

Setting It Straight

In a picture caption in the Feb. 18 issue, the *Sun* misidentified CHAPS. It's the California Horse Protection and Adoption Society.

A story on dog show judge Derek Rayne in the same issue incorrectly identified his brother. He is Clive, not Clyde

A LITTLE IODINE DOLL, above, toy Comstock cottages by Barney Laiolo and Otsy-Totsy dolls, both pictured below, are on display at the Park Branch Library.

Sun photos by Isabelle Hall

Little Iodine and Otsy-Totsy Dolls Featured in Carmel History Exhibit

How many people recall the cartoon character, "Little Iodine," know that she was created by cartoonist Jimmy Hatlo who had a home in Carmel and was a friend of builder Hugh Comstock?

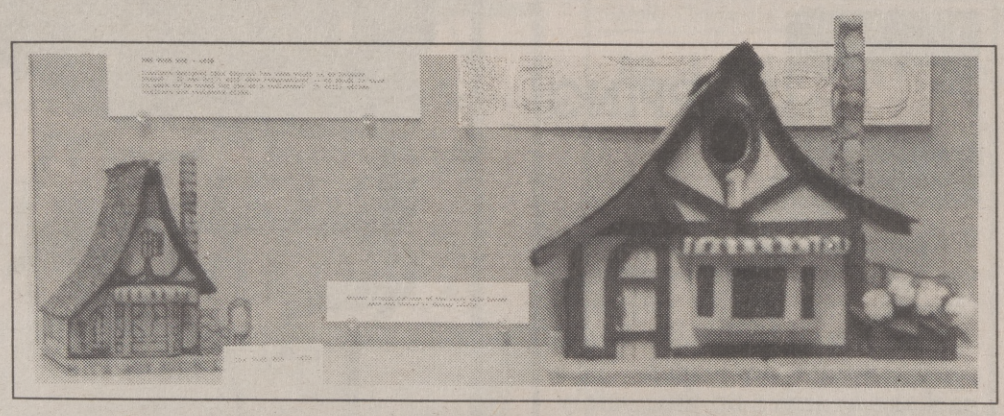
A "Little Iodine" doll on a swing is on display until May along with the "Otsy-Totsy" creations of famous dollmaker Mayotta Browne and the Hansel and Gretel cottages made by her husband, Hugh Comstock, at the Park Branch of the Harrison Memorial Library at Sixth and Mission.

Titled "Carmel Would Never Have Been the Same," it was put together under the direction of Letitia Bennett, director of the Henry Meade Williams Local History Room, made possible, in part, by a grant from the Frank and Eva Buck Foundation. It is open Tuesday to Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

The dolls are original creations of Browne, a Carmelite, who married Comstock, a wealthy Yolo County rancher April 14, 1924. They settled in Carmel where he built her the Hansel and Gretel cottages in which to display her huge doll collection and became one of the area's most famous builders. "Hansel" was built by hand by the couple.

Replicas of the Comstock cottages were made by former Mayor Barney Laiolo and loaned to the library for the exhibit. Among the most famous is the building housing the Tuck Box Restaurant on Dolores Street.

Hatlo was famous for his cartoon, "They'll Do It Every Time," which featured Little Iodine. He was a friend of Comstock and wrote a front page memorial to him in the June 9, 1950 edition of the Spectator, a Monterey Peninsula paper. He said Comstock was "a straight shooter."



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DISCOVERY – THE LIVELY ARTS

BY BARBARA ROSE SHULER

For more than three decades, we have needed a large Performing Arts Center in our region. During that time, many attempts have been made to establish one on the Monterey Peninsula. None has succeeded.

With great pleasure, I report to you that we are closer than ever to having a center for the arts with a large auditorium and various adjacent facilities. In this week's column I'll tell you what I know about it.

Robert Abinante—whom many of you know as a man of great dedication to the arts locally—held the vision for a performing arts center the strongest of all of us who have wanted to see this happen. When the Monterey Bay Center for the Arts (MBCA) was founded in 1989 at the request of the mayors of the Monterey Peninsula and the country supervisors, Abinante headed the group.

His death last month is a great loss to our arts community. However, his dream of establishing a state-of-the-art performing arts center remains alive, and plans continue to be made to turn the dream into reality.

The Monterey Bay Center for the Arts is a group of local residents of varied backgrounds who are working hard to build a "performing and visual arts center that will enhance the cultural and educational quality of life for the entire Monterey Bay/Monterey County area." The proposed site for the center is located on a section of land on the Fort Ord property to be used by the new California State University campus. As envisioned, the center will be constructed as a joint venture with the Cal State system and be shared equally by the community and the university.

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- One small black box theater with varying seating capacity.
- Adequate art gallery space to display works of art, including a main auditorium.

The plan calls for excellent acoustics and more than adequate stage and fly space for a variety of performance needs. Good acoustics and ample stage and fly area, for some reason, is the downfall of many otherwise elegant designs. The MPC theater, for example, while pleasant and functional in many ways was designed by a person who clearly never made an entrance in a theatrical production.

Ask any actor or technical person who has worked backstage at MPC and you will hear grumbles about the small wing space on either side of the stage—a shocking oversight actually from a performance perspective. During productions with large cast shows, troublesome traffic jams add additional challenges for the performers.

The plan also calls for orchestra pits of various sizes, dressing rooms, adequate storage area for costumes and green rooms where stars can meet theatergoers after their performances. In short, the design sounds like a production staff's dream.

Unless you have suffered the inadequacies of our present performance spaces, you may not appreciate how exciting it is to contemplate a well appointed performing arts center. I assure you our artists will be thrilled to work in such a space, and the productions will be therefore much more satisfying for the audiences.

Other facilities included in the design are rehearsal halls and practice rooms, shop area for set construction, classrooms, office space and a large parking.

The building itself will occupy approximately 2 acres and will be located on a 20-acre plot of land envisioned for the facility.

The collaboration of the Cal State system with MBCA is an ideal one. The university will fund part of the center's construction and MBCA will work on raising the balance. With the university involved, raising the funds from our community should be easier. Furthermore, a model for this kind of joint venture between a community and a university exists now in San Luis Obispo. A local group much like ours has joined forces with Cal Poly to establish a performing arts center on that campus. In a time of funding cutbacks and economic setbacks, such a relationship may be the only realistic way to establish and maintain such a center.

The hardest work begins soon with the raising of the funds. Realizing Bob Abinante's dream depends on the community's active support. The project has many enthusiastic supporters and the intelligent dedication of leading members of our community. If their dedication and commitment is any guide, it seems likely that in the next decade we will indeed have a magnificent facility for performing arts.

If you would like to keep informed of MBCA's plans and activities or would like information on how you can participate call 649-6544 or write to Monterey Bay Center for the Arts at 2600 Garden Road, Suite 208, Monterey, 93940.

Popular Actresses in Comedy Set for Woman's Club Monday

"It had to be You," a two-actress play featuring Lois Jacob and Nancy Wagner, will be presented at the Carmel Woman's Club at its club house at 9th and San Carlos in Carmel at 2 p.m. March 1.

The comedy is about a failed actress, health food nut and would-be playwright who holds a man hostage in her New York apartment. The actresses have entertained the Club three times before, all to packed houses. Non-members can call 659-5027.

MONTEREY JAZZ FESTIVAL FAVORITES KITTY MARGOLIS, above, and Madeline Eastman will perform an "Evening of Jazz" at Sunset Center in Carmel March 3 at 7:30 p.m. The program will open with sets by the Carmel High School Jazz Ensemble and the Carmel Marching & Chowder Jazz Society Dixieland Band. Proceeds will benefit Carmel school music programs and the Sunset Center Task Force. The program was organized by the Carmel Unified School District Music Boosters and the Carmel Mission Kiwanis Club. Call 624-1414 for tickets which are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. The school band also will perform Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Crossroads Shopping Center near Safeway.

Carmel Middle School Honor Roll Is Reported

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Jessica Moss, April Allard, Huntley Austin, Myka Boreen, Michael Cohen, Arianne Pancallo, Mackenzie Patterson, Hannah Schultz, Jami Smythe, Dora Swearingen, Lorna Mc Daniel and Michaela Hill

Honor 3.68-3.00

Maia Entropo, Vicky Korper, Elizabeth McVey, Reid Roberts, Ruesslan Ushakoff, Christopher Capestro, Jennifer Elliott, Brian Huntington, Konrad Kozicki, Michael McAnaney, Britta Sinotte, Shannon Dougherty, Carrie Grimes, Lee Krasnow, Nicholas Leonoff, Gretchen Olvera, Misty Schuh, Susan Webb, Solera Smith-Thomas, Molly Surbridge, Rushad Eggleston, Andrew Piercy, Joshua Bailey, Georgia Benigni, Raiden Brenner, Benjamin Cook, Kim Dickerhoof, Peter Dimitrakopoulos, Oscar Guerrero, Marc Jolley, Darien King, Laura McGowan, Carey Parker, Christopher Mouton, Alexandra Spellman, Lea Duarte, Rebecca Jamieson, Yvette Leger, Sandra Perez, Tim Stiles, Jennifer Waddell, Matthew Wall, Trevor Alexandre, Alisa Bradley, Alexis Brooks, Austin Camp-Sassarini, Hernan Cardenas, Joy Hopkins, Atsuhito Ito, Robert Jaques, Daiki Kusama, Tyson Liss, Courtney Mayer, Beau Oyler, Jacob Saxton, Luke Weisman, Jason White and Lilly Woytak

Seventh Grade

Highest Honors 4.0

Sara Churchill, Cicely Cleary, Noah Cowen, Cameron Cox, Trevor Fogg, Sandy Greenfield, Christy Harper, Janet Kang, Kendra Morgenrath, Trent Nishiguchi, Derek Rinderknecht, Kelly Shea and Jennifer Thoma

High Honors 3.99-3.69

Molly Allen, Elliott Byrd, Jasmine Bradley, Erica Brewer, Jennifer Cushman, Rebekah Green, Heather Lamas-Striplin, Anne-Marie Lewis, Amy Melton, Julia Miller, Eric Pressman, Kristine Tate, Sasha Vorobiov, Zephyr Andrew, Zachary Gibson, Danielle Latta and Cody Reese

Honors 3.68-3.00

Nicholas Campbell, Lorraine Coke, Sarah Coombe, Nathan Dietrich, Arwen Eversz, Lauren Greenberg, Jessica Kabat, Emily MacDonald, Andrea Magee, Chase Mahoney, Jeffrey Nakamura, Angela Olow, Juliette Perlmutter, Russel Wolter II, Min Cho, Jessamyn Meyerhoff, Krista Clarke, Sarah Holine, Alyse LeValley, Keath Moon, Zoe Smallwood, Nicole Stalder, Brian Stream, Shyamala White, Evan Auld-Susott, Katherine Call, Erin Sullivan, Geoffrey Dietrich, Juan Guerrero, Gabrielle James, Peter Jamison, Lauren Klein, Carli Livesey, Kinsey Pascoe, Narciso Perez, Claire Rosenthal, China Star, Jacob Silver, Patrick Chow, Traci Davis, Christina Ducoing, Rachel Felsinger, Erik Langslet, Meghan Lehman, Erin Miller, Dashiel Nemeth, Jennefer Root, Thais Skondin, Sadie Thomas, Rebecca Twa, April Zobel, Jean-Paul Hill, Chris Little, Thomas Butler, Ashwin Datt, Jamie Eccher, Joe Grewell, Elisabeth Kohnke, Jaedra Luke, Kiera McNamara, Marlo Milligan, Page Petersen, Mitchell Sanchez, Elijah Severson, Heather Signorella, Paul Tarp, Kerry Tescher and Jeremy Woodward

Sixth Grade

Highest Honors 4.0

Nikolaus Baer, Matthew Bedell, Alexandra Bottemanne, Kirsten Brown, Erik Danielson, Michelle Gaudoin, Elizabeth Harrold, Kathryn Holden, Joelle King, Amir Modir, Timothy Pfeiffer, Joseph Shevelson, Hank Stoffers, Lana Ushakoff and Kersten Wehde

High Honors 3.99-3.69

Brenna Armstrong, Maikke Bottemanne, Lia Chaney, Catherine Craft, Atticus Culver Rease, Alison Downing, Dane Edmondsen, Rachel Ellis, Jennifer Ferguson, Francesca Fickewirth, Jenny Grimes, Melissa Handel, Tesia Miller, Jay Morris, Seth Perkins, Abraham Sherman, Erik Struve, Bret Warner, Gueren White and Jennifer Yee

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John Battaglia, Darcie Book, Teresa Carroll, Kennan Doby, Alissa Garnero, Terra Lynn Gau, Ashley Gendelman, Sara Handy, Aaron Harlan, Sandy Miller, Justin Noseworthy, Josh Soskin, Andrea Walker, Christina West, Laurel Whisler, Aimee Wise, Joshua Brown, Tasha Craft, Mary Lou Ramos, Brian Stromberg, Douglas Velasquez, John Woytak, Sabrina Zanetta, Tasha Roos, Brent Boehlje, Monica Callinan, Gerald Catugda, Jonathan Erickson, Sean Hart, Scott Manke, Moya Meckel, Anna Peccianti, Judson Richards, Karl Sakasegawa, Adam Struve, Tara Taylor, Taylor Terflinger, Jenny VanAllen, Crystal Westphal, Michael Hennessy, Brooke Parsons, Angela Biason, Julien Brandt, Jessica Bray, Zubin Eggleston, Cristina Estribou, Kate Liss, Evelina Munoz, Gina Pennington, Kimberly Campise, Tyson Curtis, Sarah Farmer, Jeremy Feinberg, Kalli Green, Guy Hawes, Kris Kunz, Suzanne Levine, Alaina Marazzo, Darren McWhirter, Michelle Ocampo, Mary Root, Lauren Ruskell, Ryan Warcken and Nathan Weber

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THE CLUBHOUSE - FREE introductory trial offer the month of March. The Clubhouse is offering a FREE introductory trial offer the month of March for all 4th and 5th graders. As a member of the Clubhouse you will be entitled to BIG savings on all Recreation Department programs. If you are a Paid member you will get a 10% discount on all Recreation Department programs and $2 off all Clubhouse Parties. So don't delay, come by the Recreation Department and get signed up for FUN and savings.

The Clubhouse, a drop-in Center for 9 to 11-year-olds is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. It is supervised by Recreation Department staff and volunteer students from Carmel High School

The Clubhouse includes a limited snack bar, video games, stereo, television with VCR, ping pong, foosball table, table pool, board games and much much more... From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. daily, the Clubhouse will have QUIET TIME for the members to do their homework (assistance available), or other quiet time activities. From 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. the Clubhouse offers fun activities for those members that would like to participate. (Contests, Movies, Tournaments, Bingo, Parties and more!) All children will be supervised.

A $15 monthly membership fee due on or before the 7th of each month starting in April, will be charged to help offset recurring expenses. All member and parents MUST complete the Clubhouse registration form. Members have to sign in and when leaving, sign out giving a destination.

The Clubhouse is located at the Recreation Department on Torres Street between 3rd and 4th Ave. in Carmel. Bus number 6 (Arts Bus) leaves Carmel River School and drops children off on the corner of 4th Ave. and Junipero street. So stop by and join the fun!!!

CHILDRENS SELF DEFENSE Free introductory trail offer if you sign-up the month of March. This course offers a safe and fun way for children to learn self defense at the same time attaining self discipline, concentration and confidence. The instructor is sensitive to the special needs of children and teaches how to resolve conflict without having to resort to excessive physical force. Children learn simple exercise for coordination and agility, practice escapes for holds and how to parry strikes. All training is conducted under close supervision of the instructor. This class runs Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Carmel Youth Center and costs $25 per month.

CREATIVE DANCE This program will introduce the child to dance movement, rhythm patterns, posture and coordination skills will be stressed. Children will use their imagination through creative game playing. The class runs on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., starting Feb. 23 through March 23, and is taught by Laura Akard. Must pre-register.

CO-ED SOCKO LEAGUE (SOFTBALL) This program has been designed with FUN AND RECREATION in mind for all participants. The first ten (10) teams to register for the program and complete all required documentation shall be entitled to participate. The season will be divided into halves. The winner of each half will compete at the end of the season in a best-of-three game playoff. The league starts March 7, teams must pre-register by Feb. 22. For more information call 626-1255.

HAND BOOKBINDING This introduction to bookbinding explores the fundamentals of making books by hand, from choosing the correct paper for the pages to covering boards for the case. Great for creative (and even not so creative) writers, visual artists, recipe collectors, anyone who uses books. Once you start making books, you won't want to stop! The class is scheduled for Saturday, March 20 from 10 to 1:00 p.m. and costs $23.00 per person. You must pre-register for the class. The class will be held at the Carmel Recreation Department.

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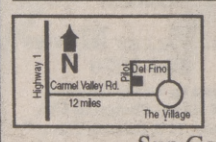

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CVCYC Hires Development Head

KAREN DAVIS-BROWN

Karen Davis-Brown has been hired as the director of development and public relations for the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center.

She has lived on the peninsula for 18 months with her husband, David, who is a professor at the Naval Post Graduate School. They have a 6-year-old son.

Davis-Brown said she hopes to expand the offerings and provide more programs for children at the center. She said she hopes to have a dance once a month for junior high and high school students. She also would like the center to be open as a recreation center for children after school and on weekends.

A friendly woman, Davis-Brown said she has had a decade of experience in fundraising and publicity in programs for children, youth and adults. She currently works with All Saints Church in Carmel and Hartnell College in Salinas.

She said she is delighted to be working in Carmel Valley and at the center. "The center seems to have a lot of good community support," she said.

She noted it has a series of well-established fundraisers and events including Surfin' Safari, Monte Carlo Night, Santa's Fly-In and Music in the Park. Davis-Brown said she believes families are looking for things they can do together.

A new diving board for the pool is an immediate project, she said. "It will cost several thousand dollars for a good quality one that won't have to be replaced after a couple of years," she said.

A long-term goal would be to build a toddlers wading pool, she said. And in the long, long term, she dreams of an auditorium on the youth center grounds, she said.

Davis-Brown said she is experienced in grant writing and will pursue funding from grants for the center. "Monterey County residents are very generous," she also noted.

CSA 43 Hydrants to be Tested

Fire hydrants will be tested in County Service Area 43 at the mouth of the Valley next week for proper flow and operation, Capt. Robin S. Hamelin said. He said about 20 percent of the hydrants in the area are tested each year, adding that landscaping growing too close to the hydrants may have to be trimmed or removed.

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The Snake, the Crocodile, and the Dog... Elizabeth Peters
The Hanging Valley...Peter Robinson
The Memory Church...Tim Sebastian
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A Dubious Legacy...Mary Wesley

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OUT AND ABOUT

BY ISABELLE HALL

Driving home the other night through the dark streets of Carmel and down Highway 1 after yet another Planning Commission meeting, I was trying hard to think what to cook for dinner. At nearly 7 o' clock, I was not enthused about the prospect, but didn't quite see how I could ask Stan to face another meal of leftover soup or frozen vegetable lasagna.

Upon leaving the office, I had called to him, "Get something for dinner, and you can cook it, too." This is kind of a standing joke with us. In almost 25 years of marriage and nearly 9,125 dinners, he had yet to cook one.

The trouble was I was just too tired to be bothered, and too tired to suggest we go south to Rocky Point or back north to a Carmel restaurant.

I could hardly believe my nose then, when I walked into the house to the smell of something wonderful cooking. What's going on here, I wondered. "Are you cooking?" I asked Stan who was sitting in the living room watching the news and reading the paper as usual.

He sure was, he told me. He had gone to the grocery store and bought chicken breasts, then come home and started cooking. You have to know that this would be like him coming home to find I had changed a tire on the car or built a wooden shelf in the kitchen when I don't know one end of a wrench from the other.

This man is the original kitchen dropout. He would eat all the crackers in the house before ever even opening a can of soup for himself. He hardly knows where the oven is.

In his bachelor days living on farms in Texas and then Virginia, he lived on frozen dinners and the occasional T-bone steak which he would share with his dog. It's dangerous to ask him to warm up something because he will forget about it the minute the food is put in the oven, and not even smell it when the dish has burned to a crisp.

Yet, here he was still wearing his tweed jacket, cooking chicken in the electric frying pan with wine and chicken broth and diced green onions and mushrooms ready to join it.

My mouth fell open. Beyond his lack of acquaintance with any part of the cooking process, he nearly cut his arm off some years ago and has little use of his left hand.

"I had a hell of a time getting the fat off the chicken," he frowned. "I couldn't hold it. How do you do that?"

Just to show you how far he has come since having a heart attack and taking a real interest in what he eats, he was determined to get all the bits of fat off the chicken breasts.

Into his pan of chicken, he had also put some green tomato salsa, a jar of artichokes, black and green olives and cut up celery. It smelled absolutely delicious.

A can of tomatoes stood by ready to be added. "You know, I don't think you need them," I told him. "It's going to be great just the way it is."

His combination of ingredients would never have occurred to me. He did the same thing the first time I got him to use my watercolor paints, boldly trying terrific ideas that never would have entered my mind.

This man is the original kitchen dropout. He would eat all the crackers in the house before ever even opening a can of soup for himself.

He's been telling me for years my mind is cluttered with trivia. I have never disagreed, particularly when he does something so spectacular right out of the blue.

"I had a terrible time trying to peel the mushrooms," he told me. "They all fell apart."

"You just need to wash them off," I said. "But, I've seen you peel them," he insisted. A quick-learner, this guy. "That's only when they were old," I said.

He had stopped his cooking until I arrived, he allowed, uncertain what to do with the rice. "Come on, I'll show you," I told him, as excited as a schoolteacher who suddenly discovers a spark of interest in a bored student.

Well, that chicken on rice was superb as I told him repeatedly for, like all of us when we try something new, he kept asking me if I liked it and whether I thought it was any good.

He complained that he had started cooking too soon, the chicken started to stick to the pan, and he feared it had all dried out so he kept adding more wine. The result, which I told him was precisely the way to do it, was that the wine, broth and chicken had created a rich caramelized sauce full of the intense flavors of the salsa and artichokes, all this in spite of the fact he had not used any oil or butter simply because he didn't know he should.

"This is marvelous," I assured him. "What are you planning for tomorrow night?"

Not surprisingly he hasn't cooked since but I have a feeling he will one of these nights. There is nothing like a little success to spur you on. I guess my leftovers were getting to him.

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CARMEL UNIFIED SCHOOL board members visited the Tularcitos kindergarten during their last board meeting. *Sun photo by Carolyn Rice*

Kindergarten Overcrowding Discussed

Crowded kindergarten facilities continue to be a problem at Tularcitos Elementary School in Carmel Valley Village, teachers told the Carmel Unified School Board.

The board toured the kindergarten facilities during its Feb. 11 meeting which was held at Tularcitos. Kindergarten is conducted there in one large open building which has been separated into three classrooms by bookshelves and other dividers.

Principal Karin Camilli said 84 students are currently enrolled, putting a strain on room. She said that has been the norm for the past several years. with the school having 80 to 88 kindergarten children each year between 1990 and now.

Last November, the school polled parents whether some students could attend an afternoon session to help relieve overcrowding. After the survey, officials decided it would be too disruptive to the students to change schedules and possibly their teacher at that point in the year.

"About half of the parents said they were interested in an afternoon session, but said it would cause them a tremendous hardship to switch at that point," said Camilli.

Teachers have been looking into the possibility of a double shift next year with part of the students arriving at 11:30 for an afternoon session, Camilli said. That could reduce the number of students in the complex during most of the school hours, she said.

Students now begin their day at 8:40 or 9:40 a.m. and leave at 12:40 or 1:40 p.m. The students are taught by three teachers who have one full-time aide and five part-time aides, she said.

She urged parentswith kindergarten students to register them in April so the school can determine how to accommodate next year's class. Enrollment forms will be available at the district office throughout the summer, she said.

Mystery Writer Speaks Friday

Elizabeth George, author of the thriller "For the Sake of Elena," is the featured writer Friday in the Harrison Memorial Library Authors-by-the-Sea series. The former high school English teacher from Huntingon Beach will disclose how she became the writer of popular English mysteries. Tickets for the fundraiser are $12. Call 624-4629.

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BY MARK EATON

"CYMBIDIUM BALTIC" is one of the most famous breeding plants in the green color range of these orchids. *Photo courtesy* Orchids for Everyone

In last week's column, we gave a brief history of cymbidium orchids, along with basic cultural requirements and how they came to be so popular in California.Today we'll get a little deeper into the care and feeding of these wonderful plants. Though relatively tough and easy to grow, a little effort goes a long way to assure success.

When you purchase or receive a cymbidium, it will probably look great because the nursery that grew it most likely had the plant on a "constant feed" program. That it is a low dilution of liquid fertilizer applied every time the plant was watered. You needn't follow this regimen but consistent fertilizing is essential. There are two types of fertilizer for cymbidiums to be used at different times of the year. These are powdered substances which are dissolved in a watering can or bucket and are applied every two weeks in place of regular watering.

Beginning in spring after flowers finish until growth slows at the end of summer, use high nitrogen food. Most commercial orchid fertilizers have an analysis of approximately 30-10-10. This is what you will be using until September. Then it is time to switch to a low nitrogen feed. Commercial orchid "bloom" fertilizer has an analysis of around 6-30-30. Or, a product like Hi-bloom at 2-10-10 is fine. It's the ratio of the numbers on the label which is more important than what they add up to. Use low nitrogen food until switching back to the high nitrogen in spring.

Unless you buy a plant that's overflowing its pot, you probably won't need to repot for two or three years. The thick, rounded structures at the soil surface are known as pseudobulbs. When pseudobulbs bulge over the rim, or when the potting mixture feels spongy and compacted instead of firm and porous, it's time to repot.

Make the move as soon as possible after flowering, or you risk breaking off the brittle new shoots that soon begin to grow. Until your plant gets so large you can't handle it, or has so many leafless pseudobulbs it looks scruffy, you can simply move it to the next larger pot. Hose off as much old potting mix as you can, cut off any brown or broken roots, and repot into a well-draining container two to four inches wider than the original.

You can purchase commercial orchid mix, which works fine, but I have always used 50 percent commercial potting soil mixed with 50 percent "small" fir bark, which is sometimes sold as "orchid bark." Believe me, it's the same stuff. By transplanting and not dividing, you may develop an impressive plants that puts out 15 to 20 flowering spikes.

Dividing is fine if the plant warrants it, but I have a tendency to think that some gardeners are "division happy" with their cymbidiums. Remember, it should look scruffy and have a large amount of leafless pseudobulbs showing. Do this in early spring as well.

- Water plants well before dividing.
- You may have to sacrifice the existing container to get the plant out. If it's plastic, you can cut it. If it's wood or clay, you may have to break it.
- Use a large kitchen knife reserved for gardening to cut between the pseudobulbs and down through the roots. Aim for at least three productive pseudobulbs and four to five back bulbs per division. (Backbulbs are fully grown pseudobulbs that once bore leaves and flower spikes but now are bare. They act as storage containers for the remainder of the plant.)
- Trim off diseased and messy roots.
- Optionally, soak the divisions in a solution of one part Purex bleach to 10 parts water for 10 minutes to kill any fungus or rot. Air dry them.
- Repot these divisions the same as if you were simply transplanting to a larger container.
- Water thoroughly after transplanting, keep them in shade and wait two to three weeks before resuming fertilizing.

In these two columns we have discussed the essentials of raising cymbidiums. When friends or relatives from other parts of the country come here for a visit, let them be dazzled by your horticultural expertise. No need to tell them how easy cymbidiums are to grow on the Monterey Peninsula!

Mark Eaton is a partner in Carmel Valley's Begonia Gardens Nursery.

Big Sur Landslide Info Network Set

Caltrans and the Big Sur Chamber of Commerce have established an emergency communications network to provide accurate information to the community when Highway 1 is closed by landslides.

At a meeting last week, the chamber agreed to be the liaison for the network. To obtain highway closure information, residents may call Ventana Inn, 667-2331; Nepenthe's Restaurant, 667-2345; the Big Sur Multi-Agency Facility, 667-2316; or Caltrans, 753-0187, during normal business hours. Caltrans said residents and travelers may also call its highway information network at 1-800-427-7623.

At the meeting, Caltrans said it no longer patrols Highway 1 at night for slides and will not allow slide removal when slide conditions are unstable.

It adopted that policy after two Caltrans workers were killed, one when he drove off a washed out section of the scenic road and another who was pushed into the ocean while trying to clear a slide.

The coastal route has been closed four times by slides this winter due to heavier than normal rainfall.

Caltrans said it also would close a road if it felt conditions were potentially unsafe, adding it sometimes had to call in geologists, engineers or other experts to help make that determination.

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Despite Current Slowdown

Carmel Realtors Head Is Optimistic

President Stephen Poohar of the Carmel Association of Realtors predicted that "at some point scarcity will prevail" in the local housing market despite the current two-and-a-half year supply of unsold houses and the impending closure of Fort Ord.

Speaking to the Carmel Mission Kiwanis Club Tuesday morning, Poohar said the three-year recession in California resulted in a 6 percent drop in new home sales in the state last year, "and prices have fallen substantially."

"We've seen some of that on the peninsula," he added, explaining that builders needing to reduce their debt were now discounting what had been $700,000 houses for $500,000 or $600,000.

At the same time, he said the resale of existing homes on the peninsula had slowed to the point that a two-and-a-half year inventory existed, higher priced homes moving slower than cheaper ones. "The unsold inventory is the highest in my memory," Poohar said.

Still, he said resale activity was higher now than during the recession in the early 1980s, although "prices have fallen further and faster. At least, there is financing now."

An attorney, Poohar is a broker with Fox and Carskadon in Carmel.

The sale of homes in Carmel, Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach has been hurt by a loss of consumer confidence, he said. Noting that many of the purchases in those areas were for second homes, he said, "people are worried about the loss of their jobs. This is dampening the desire for second homes."

Despite the current slowdown, Poohar predicted the local real estate market eventually would recover because of the quality of life that the peninsula offers and the limited number of additional houses that can be built in Carmel, Pebble Beach, Carmel Valley and other unincorporated areas such as the South Coast.

He noted that Carmel, with some 2,400 homes, is essentially built out and strict restrictions on growth would limit the number of new homes that could be built in the future in other peninsula neighborhoods.

Poohar said the Army's departure from Fort Ord could boost Monterey County's unemployment rate from its present 12 percent to as high 20 to 22 percent. "We are faced with a significant slowdown in the county's growth rate due to Fort Ord," he said.

However, a benefit will be the increased availability of affordable housing in the area, he said, noting that 8,500 to 12,000 housing units are expected to become vacant because of the departure of the 7th Light Infantry.

"Jobs and the affordability of housing will be interrelated in the 1990s," Poohar predicted.

"Fort Ord will drop prices in at least part of the area," he said. He added that longer-term, the reuse of the base could provide a boost to the area's economy "if the community can get together on how to reuse it." Without agreement on reuse plans, he suggested some $100 million in federal money for redevelopment could be lost.

As for Fort Ord and real estate in general, Poohar said, "uncertainty is the worst thing."

Longer term, he added that growth in tourism and the service sector would help offset the loss of Fort Ord and predicted growth in manufacturing and such related industries as printing and publishing. Growth in agriculture in the county will slow, but it will remain an economic mainstay, he said.

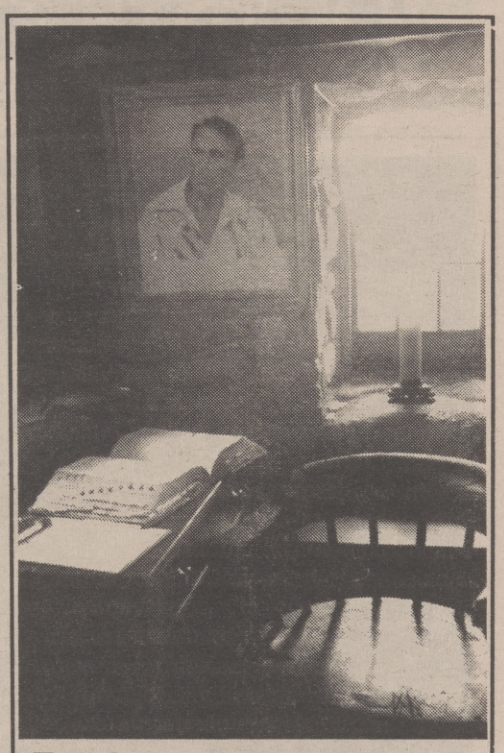
While new residents continue to flock to both California and Monterey County, a net outflow exists as even more residents leave, he said, citing data from state drivers' license records.

"More younger people are moving out," he said, seeking more economic opportunity and lower cost living, including housing. "Older people are moving in."

Final Two Friday at 8 Performances Set

Classical pianist Mark Westcott, former winner of the Van Cliburn international competition, will perform at Hidden Valley Music Seminars Friday in the Friday at 8 series.

In the final performance of the current series, Blossom Dearie, a jazz pianist and singer, will perform March 5.



Realtors Tor House Benefit is March 12

The Carmel Association of Realtors fourth annual Tor House benefit will be held March 12 at Whittakers Garden and Gift shop, Ocean and Lincoln in Carmel.

Net proceeds will be turned over to the Tor House Foundation which maintains the Carmel Point home of the poet Robinson Jeffers. Gourmet hors d'oeuvres and a selection of fine vintage wines donated by local wine merchants will be served at the party from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $12. Call 624-2552.

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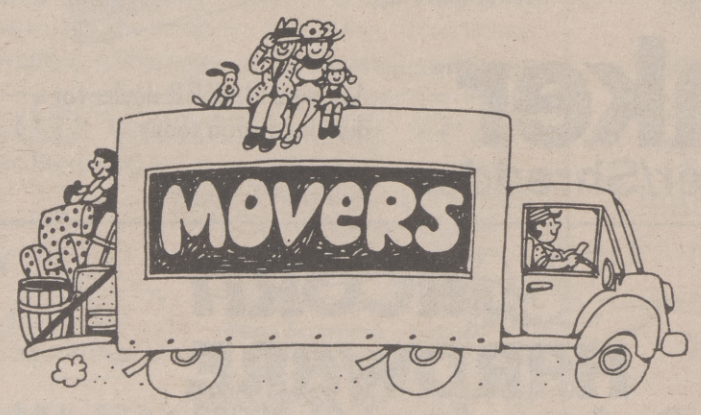

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The Sun makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

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SAN CARLOS AVENUE. Susan G. Eisel to Dorothy H. Dunton. $375,000.

MONTE VERDE STREET. Joseph A. and Sheila P. Mark to Michael and Anna M. Szabados. $450,000.

SANTA FE STREET. B. A. Properties Inc. to Robert S. and Mary P. Condry. $330,000.

CAMINO DEL MONTE. David T. Louie to Richard N. and Cathryn J. Moss. $280,000.

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25834 HATTON ROAD. David S. MacAlpine to Margaret R. Duflock. $600,000.

5014 MONTEREY STREET. Eunice S. Wilder to Brian G. and Tamara L. Jenkins. $270,000.

26246 CARMELO STREET. John E. and Karin D. Vanvalkenburgh to David K. and Caroline S. Werner. $426,000.

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31495 VIA LAS ROSAS. Douglas H. and Valerie M. Steiny to Richard E. and Tamara J. Heiland. $510,000.

Pebble Beach

3363 17 MILE DRIVE. Joan D. Gorin to Joseph B. and Margaret Costello. $895,000.

17 MILE DRIVE. Leonard K. Firestone to James M. and Nancy J. Hoak. $11,500,000.

CRESPI LANE. James M. and Nancy J. Hoak to Leonard K. Firestone. $2,500,000.

PADRE LANE. Pebble Beach Holdings Inc. to Geneva International Management Inc. $1,260,000.

Results Expected by Thursday

Foy Optimistic about Paralta Well Fix

General Manager Larry Foy of the California-American Water Co. expressed optimism that the results of test pumping will show that a simpler, faster treatment can be devised for water from the long-delayed Paralta well in Seaside.

The use of the well is tied to the lifting of the two-year building moratorium in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and Foy said if the results are as positive as he expects, it could be operational by summer.

The use of the well has been delayed because the water it produces smells of hydrogen sulfide—rotten eggs—and efforts to devise a treatment have run into opposition in Seaside, some of it at least the result of the city's political disagreements with the water management district.

Foy said the test pumping, with the water being spilled on Fort Ord, was to determine if ozone could be used to remove the smell. If it can, he said the water would be pumped to a nearby well, the Ord Grove site, where the ozone could be produced relatively simply by using electricity, water and high pressure.

Foy was expected to report on the results of the test pumping at the water management district board meeting Thursday night. Water from the test was sent to an independent laboratory for analysis, he said.

Foy said water levels were extremely high in the well during the test because of recent rains. He said a pump rated at 1,800 gallons per minute was used, but the well produced around 2,300 gallons per minute.

Seaside has insisted that Cal-Am must do a focused environmental impact report (EIR) if it proceeds with its initial plan to use chemicals at the Paralta well site to remove the smell. The EIR would cost Cal-Am some $42,000 and take at least six weeks to complete.

Foy has said in the past that his firm did not want to undertake the EIR until it learned whether the water could be treated effectively with the ozone and not the chemicals.

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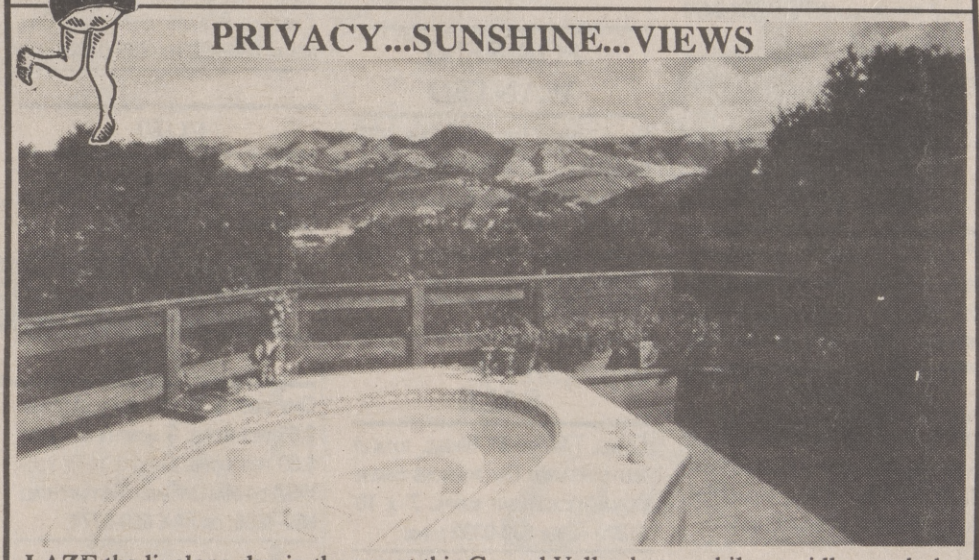

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Case No. M25838
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CCP1277
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Filed February 10, 1993
Date: March 19, 1993 Time: 9:30 am

IN THE MATTER of the Application of KATIE JANE TUCKER, a minor by Ashley Tucker And Bradley Jackson Tucker, her Father/Mother, Petitioner, for Change of Name

WHEREAS ASHLEY TUCKER and BRADLEY JACKSON TUCKER, Petitioner, as Mother/Father, of applicant KATIE JANE TUCKER, a minor, has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing Petitioner's name from: KATIE JANE TUCKER to KADY JANE TUCKER;

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above matter appear in Department A of this court, located at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, on March 19th, at 9:30 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in *The Weekly Sun,* a newspaper of general circulation printed in Monterey County, California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

DATED: February 10, 1993
ROBERT O'FARRELL
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Filed February 3, 1993
File No. F930205

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PRELIMINARY
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
THE REGULAR MEETING
2 MARCH 1993
3:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION
3:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION
(Council Chambers)

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No agenda item will be considered after 9:00 p.m. unless approved by a majority vote of the City Council. Any agenda items not considered at the Regular Meeting will be continued to a future date as determined by the City Council.

I. ***CLOSED SESSION (3:00 P.M.)***

As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 *et seq.* of the State of California, the City Council may adjourn to Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with personnel and/or pending possible litigation and/or conferring with the City Council's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.

OPEN SESSION
3:30 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

II. ***ROLL CALL (3:30 P.M.)***

III. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

IV. ***EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS***

A. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Joan Coffin for her years of service on the Forest and Beach Commission
B. Receive report from the City Clerk on the status of the Referendum Petition opposing Ordinance No. 92-23, an Ordinance amending Title 17 of the Municipal Code pertaining to commercial zoning regulations; consideration of Resolutions Nos. 93-22, 93-23, and 93-24 calling a Special Election

V. ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION AND FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS***

VI. ***APPEARANCES***

Anyone wishing to address the City Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so now. Please rise, state your name and the matter on which you wish to speak. Matters not appearing on the City Council agenda will not receive action at this meeting. Presentations will be limited to three minutes, or as established by the City Council.

A. Announcements from Closed Session
B. General announcements from Council Members
C. Reports from Council representatives to outside agencies

VII. ***CONSENT CALENDAR***

A. Approve the City Council minutes for the meetings of 2, 9, 20, and 22 February 1993, copies having been distributed to the City Council
B. Ratify the bills paid for the month of February, copies having been distributed to the Council Members
C. Ratify the Mayor's appointment of Council Member Livingston to serve on the Mission Trail Park Committee
D. Adopt Resolution No. 93-25 accepting gifts to the City and authorizing the Carmel Celebrates Community Committee to hold fund raising events for contributions to the Mayor's Youth Fund
E. Adopt Resolution No. 93-29 authorizing the establishment of a Deposit Account to receive and disburse donations and other funds for the First Murphy House
F. Adopt Resolution No. 93-26 amending City Council Policy C89-21, Expenses and Reimbursement
G. Adopt Resolution No. 93-27 amending City Council Policy C89-13, Harassment/Sexual Harassment
H. Adopt Resolution No. 93-28 amending City Council Policy C89-11, Acceptance of non-art related gifts
I. Table consideration of Resolution No. 93-13 establishing one parking stall for use by volunteers while working at the First Murphy House
J. Direct the City Clerk to schedule a joint meeting of the City Council and Forest and Beach Commission on 9 March 1993
K. Deny and refer claims for damages: Wendy J. Miller in the amount of $1,603; and Roy C. Gustaveson in an amount unknown
L. Adopt Resolution No. 93-30 designating the Director of Public Works as the agent for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea with respect to Federal Disaster No. 979-DR

VIII. ***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

A. Consideration of Resolution No. 93-21 making a finding of unmet transportation needs within the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

IX. ***ORDINANCES***

A. Consideration of Ordinance No. 93-05 amending Chapter 8.48 of the Municipal Code, Abandoned Vehicles (second reading)
B. Receive a schedule of regular City Council meeting dates for the remainder of Calendar Year 1993; consideration of Ordinance No. 93-06 amending Chapter 2.04.020 of the Municipal Code, "Council Meetings—Conflict with Holidays"; consideration of Resolution No. 93-31 rescinding City Policy No. C90-06; and direct the City Clerk to reschedule the dates of the June, July, and September 1993 Regular Meetings and Tours of Inspection

X. ***ORDERS OF COUNCIL***

A. Ratify the Mayor's nominations to the Historic Preservation Committee: Wendy Banks, Bruce Kibby, Jane Mayer, Enid Sales, and Ralph Tober
B. Receive report on the distribution of City Council agenda packets produced monthly and provide policy guidance
C. Consideration of request from the Carmel Bach Festival for placement of banners along Ocean Avenue during July and August 1993
D. Consideration of City policies regarding art galleries to provide direction to the Planning Commission

XI. ***RESOLUTIONS***

See Consent Calendar

XII. ***CONSENT CALENDAR (PULLED ITEMS)***

XIII. ***ADJOURNMENT***

The next meeting of the City Council will be:
6 April 1993
Regular Meeting
3:00 P.M. (Closed Session)
3:30 P.M. (Open Session, City Hall Council Chambers)

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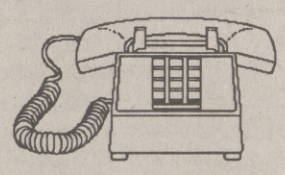

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Freeway Vote

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Transportation Commission on whether money earmarked for the freeway could be transferred to other county projects and sought additional information on the wetlands in Hatton Canyon. Members said they also wanted to explore where a lawsuit against the freeway stood and hear from the Army Corps of Engineers about the prospects of getting a 404 permit to build the freeway.

Some of the recent debate over the controversial project has centered on whether $42 million set aside by the state for the freeway could be transferred to another county project. State Sen. Henry Mello, a supporter of the freeway, said, "I have asked the question a 100 times—maybe 1,000 times. The answer is no. It can not be transferred."

Shipnuck said she tried to get a state Transportation Commission representative to attend Wednesday's meeting, but officials were attending a retreat.

Orrett said Strasser Kauffman, who was in Washington for a meeting on Fort Ord with Pentagon officials, gave him no instructions on how to vote. Supervisor Sam Karas, who likely will face Strasser Kauffman in the June 8 vote, is attending the same meeting in the nation's capital, but arranged to fly there later so he could attend the start of the TAMC session. He left about an hour before the meeting ended, and an alternate, Doris Jones, voted for the longer TAMC delay.

Mayor Ken White of Carmel, which has joined in a lawsuit to block the freeway, said he was bewildered by the fifth district vote. "Is she (Strasser Kauffman) for it or against it?" he asked.

Citing changes in state and federal policies, Strasser Kauffman recently said she was giving up support for construction of the freeway which she championed for many years.

In a memo to the agency, Strasser Kauffman said she believed the community must now "work toward a more modest and less expensive alternative..."

The small meeting room at the Salinas Community Center was jammed with around 100 people—some sitting on the floor or standing throughout the hearing. Thirty residents, including six Carmel High School students who opposed the freeway, testified during the two hour hearing.

Jerry Laumer, Caltrans' deputy district director, said money has been set aside in the 1995-96 state budget for the freeway. At the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, he said the only project Caltrans will support is the Hatton Canyon Freeway because alternative projects do not provide long-term traffic solutions.

At the supervisors meeting, Karas asked for a one year delay on the Highway 1 project, appointment of a community task force to develop an alternative plan and no use of the Hatton Canyon in the alternative plan. His motion died for lack of a second.

Strasser Kauffman was absent from the supervisors meeting as well, Chairwoman Judy Pennycook explaining she was ill.

"I wouldn't have missed this for the world," said Karas, a longtime foe of the freeway, as he arrived for the meeting.

Shipnuck said she would like to wait until March for the vote on the freeway since the two supervisor's who districts were most directly involved were not able to vote Wednesday.

Noel Mapstead, a Carmel environmentalist who has led the protest against damage to the Hatton Canyon wetlands by the freeway, said he believes Strasser Kauffman's change of heart leaves her "politically dead in the water. If I was in the position of supporting the freeway for eight years, I wouldn't give up at this point," he said. "I think she got bad consultation. Who knows what the voters want. It may be 50/50 on the freeway."

One of six Carmel High students who spoke in opposition to the freeway was Frank Allard, a junior.

"No one from my generation is standing up saying, 'I want the freeway. I've been in the canyon and it's worth saving," he said.

Hearings Planned

Architect Seeks Planning Commission Post

John Thodos, an award-winning Carmel architect, submitted his application Friday for nomination to the Planning Commission to succeed Brian Congleton, the lone architect on the seven-member panel.

Thodos' entry created a pool of four applicants, only one of whom has been interviewed at a public hearing by the full City Council. Mayor Ken White said he hoped to scheduled a hearing within about two weeks to interview Thodos, Paula Hazdovac and Charles Fox. Two other applicants, Janice Fisher and Roy Gilligan, were interviewed last year and passed over.

A friend and supporter of White, Thodos served as chairman of the Design Review Commission in Portland, Ore., from 1981 to 1989, before moving permanently to Carmel.

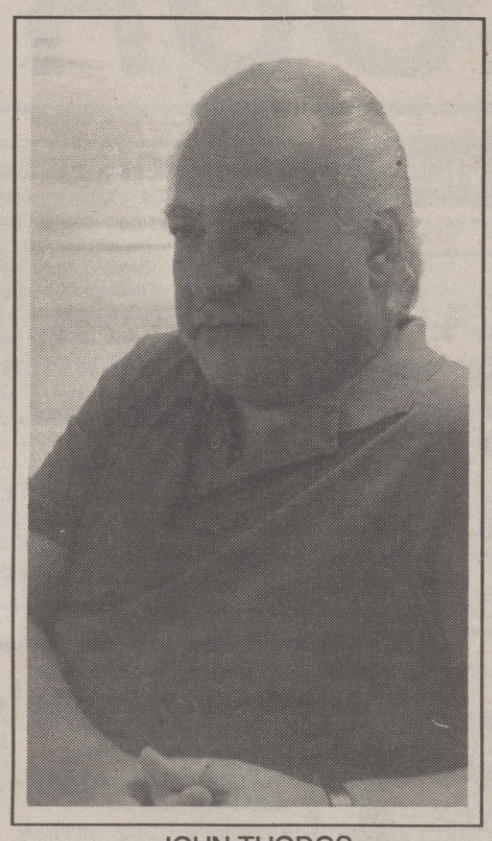
White told the *Sun* earlier he planned to nominate a candidate from the pending applicants without holding more public interviews. After checking the ordinance, he said he realized the nominations ordinance required it.

"Our ordinance says we have to interview," he said. "We will be interviewing probably the week after next. We have three good people to interview."

White was instrumental in writing the ordinance which passed after a bitter fight over such nominations in the previous administration of Mayor Jean Grace. He has said in the past that he would like to amend the ordinance.

Although Congleton, the vice chairman, said he was resigning because being on the commission had interfered with his ability to get work in the city due to a conflict of interest, Thodos did not think this would be a problem for him.

"I read the Political Fair Practices Committee letter (sent to Congleton), and I see nothing there that I can't live with," he said in an interview. "It's a myth. I can live within the parameters of that letter.



JOHN THODOS

"My real concern is that there is no architect on the commission. We need someone on there who's an architect. I know it's time consuming, but I think I can do it."

Meanwhile, Louis Rolle, Jr., a semi-retired businessman and Roger Rector, an electrical contractor, advised the city clerk's office that their names should be removed from the list for consideration.

Hadzovac, an artist and administrative assistant; Fisher, a citrus grower and former planning commissioner in Redlands; author Gilligan and Fox, a retiree who is chairman of the Carmel Beach Clean-up sponsored by the Carmel Residents Association and volunteer in other groups, all applied earlier. None have indicated they no longer want to be considered, the City Clerk's office said.

A week ago, White appeared to have made up his mind whom he would nominate. At the time the pool of previously interviewed applicants included Rolle, Rector, Fisher and Fox. He said then he might just appoint one of the people previously interviewed without holding more public interviews before the full Council which must approve his choice.

Thodos, a member of the Sunset Center Task Force that is working on a proposal to remodel the community cultural center, earned his degree from the University of Oregon in 1960. He is a director of the Historic Preservation League of Oregon, and was an associate professor at the Oregon School of Design in Portland.

The contemporary house with walls of glass that he designed for himself and his wife, Judy, on Scenic Road recently was given the American Institute of Architects Award (AIA) for exceptional design of unique character.

He has received four other AIA awards since 1973 and had three residences he designed featured in Sunset Magazine. He also has been recognized for industrial buildings.

None of the six remaining commissioners has an architectural background. Chairman Jack Kennedy is an attorney who managed an art gallery until recently. Commissioners Ed Jordan, Lindsay Hanna and Carl Livingston, Jr., are retired businessmen. Commissioner Maggie Hardy is in public relations, and Commissioner Melanie Billig was on the planning commission in San Louis Obispo.

Congleton told White he would stay on until March 10.

Hightower Named To School Board

Dan Hightower of Carmel Valley was selected by the Carmel Unified School District board to fill the unexpired term of Hilton Bialek who resigned.

Hightower and his wife, Laurie, have three daughters, two in kindergarten and a second grader at Tularcitos School.

As a parent of three young girls, Hightower said he was motivated to see the quality of education maintained in the district. Hightower works as a radiologist at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Superintendent Vance Baldwin said Hightower was the unanimous selection of the board to take Bialek's place. He will be installed at the regular board meeting tonight.

Bialek recently resigned for personal reasons, and the board could fill his vacancy either by appointing a new member or by holding an election. They chose to appoint a member due to the high expense of an election.

Others who applied for the position were Howard Timm, Sandra Baysinger, Malka Hanna and Annette Yee Steck, the district said.

Tularcitos' Spring Fling Is March 19

The Tularcitos School Parent Club will hold its Spring Fling March 19 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars to raise funds for special programs at the school.

The evening will feature gourmet food, wine tasting, live and silent auctions with more than 190 items and dancing to the music of the Mike Marotta, Jr., band. Tickets are $25 per person and must be reserved by March 12 by sending a check to the parent club at P. O. Box 966, Carmel Valley, 93924. For information, telephone 659-2276 or 624-7813.

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